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First Day.

NOVEMBER 22ND, 1893.

The sixty-eighth session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, convened in La Grange, N. C., November 22nd, 1893; and was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the President, W. A. Bunch: and was opened with religious services conducted by the President.

On motion the bar of conference was fixed at the fourth seat from the pulpit.

Rev. Mr. Broom, of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat within the bar.

Bro. C. L. Whitaker, Sec., stated, that owing to his having sustained an injury, in the right arm, during the year, which disqualified him for acting as Secretary; he would resign the Secretaryship. The resignation was accepted and Bro. L, L. Albright was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The Rules of Order used for last Conference were, by vote, adopted for this.

A motion was made that the order of the day be suspended until the first thing after the reading of the minutes at the second day's session, but the President was not in favor of postponing important business to accommodate tardy members, so Bro. Garrett withdrew his motion.

Bro. C. A. Pickens in the chair. Bro. Bunch proceeded to read his annual report. (See Appendix.)

The report, by vote, was referred. Bro. W. A. Bunch's character was passed. The President in the chair asked indulgence, until afternoon session, for appointing Committees. Rev. W. E. Swain and Bro. E. A. Carter were appointed a Committee on Credentials. The following were appointed to receive monies: Foreign Missions, N. M. Modlin; Home Missions, J. G. W. Holloway; Local Missions, O. P. Routh; Seminary and Ministerial Education, W. C. Lewis; Superanuates and Colleges, J. H. Stowe; Publishing Minutes, G. F. Milloway.

The hours for Conference were fixed as follows: Meet at 9:30 A. M., adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 1:30 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

Bro. W. C. Hammer in the chair, a motion was made to change the hour for electing the officers of the Conference to 3 o'clock on the second day. Carried.

Bro. Bunch in the chair. Urgent invitations for the next Conference were received from Chestnut Ridge, Ashboro, and Mt. Hermon.

A standing vote decided that the next Conference would be held in Ashboro.

The Conference proceeded to the election of the following as Standing District Committee, viz: Revs. T. J. Ogburn, W. W. Amick, Jeremiah Hunter, and Bros. W. O. Donnel, of Oak Ridge, O. R. Cox, of Cedar Falls, and John Snotherly, of Milledgeville.

It was voted that the Conference meet on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1894.

Bro. T. J. Ogburn stated that Bro. Tagg, editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, had asked him to represent the paper, take subscriptions, and receipt for the same.

It was ordered that the Secretary be the Publishing Committee.

Eleven o'clock, Friday, was selected as the hour for holding Memorial Services for Bro. J. R. Ball.

Voted that a Committee on Ministerial Official Character be appointed. The following were appointed: Bros. C. A. Cecil, J. S. Dunn, and W. D. Fogleman.

Conference elected as Committee on Ministerial Moral Character, the following: Revs. J. L. Michaux, D. A. Highfill, W. W. Amick, and Bros. J. H. Pegram, J. R. Stockard.

The President read the Act incorporating the N. C. Conference, and it was ordered that the same be inserted in the printed minutes. (See Appendix.)

Revs. D. A. Highfill, W. W. Amick and Bro. B. Davidson, were elected Trustees of the Conference for three years commencing January 1st, 1894.

It was ordered that a Committee to audit accounts of the Ministerial Education Fund, also the accounts of the beneficiaries, be appointed, and that said Committee report the status of same. Revs. J. N. Garrett, W. C. Hammer, and Bro. J. W. Guyer, were appointed.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report :

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Littleton—A. E. Carter;
Winston Circuit—Z. M. Rea;
Randolph—H. T. Lowe;
Davidson—Alex. Surratt;
Spring Church—T. N. Crew;
Albemarle—C. V. White;
Surry—H. L. Powell;
Forsyth—R. L. Cox;
Bellemont—J. R. Stockard:
N. Granville—R. J. Paschall:
Greenville—J. W. Pearson;
Guilford—J. W. Guyer;
Cedar Falls—W. D. Fogleman:
Ashboro—B. F. Bulla;
Roanoke—A Braswell:
Stanley—A. A. Howell;
Winston St.—J. H. Pegram:
Orange—J. D. Williams;
Liberty—J. H. Bowman;

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. D. A. Highfill read resolutions which were laid upon the table until the first business Thursday morning.

The President announced the following committees :

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES :

Faculty—T. J. Ogburn, W. A. Bunch, W. C. Kennett, T. F. McCulloch, W. E. Swain, W. F. Kennett, J. F. Dosier.

Missions—D. A. Highfill, I. I. York, H. F. Lowe, G. W. Pearson.

Colleges—J. L. Michaux, W. T. Totten, J. Norman Wills, W. C. Hammer, Jr.

Boundaries—W. C. Hammer, Sr., S. R. Harris, J. L. Ogburn, C. V. White, Arch. Braswell.

Literature—C. L. Whitaker, J. R. Savage, Z. M. Rea.

Finance—W. F. Kennett, W. E. Swain, Archie Braswell.

Temperance—J. E. Hartsell, R. L. Cox, J H. Bowman.

Sunday School—T. F. McCulloch, E. A. Plyler, J. A. Powell, T. N. Crew.

Pastoral Work—W. C. Hammer, Sr., A. W. Lineberry, J. H. Pegram.

Fraternal Relations—W. C. Kennett, W. W. Amick, F. M. Fox.

Ordinances—C. A. Pickens, R. R. Hanner, A. N. Roberson.

Correspondence—J. N. Garrett, J. G. Johnson, E. A. Carter.

President's Report—T. J. Ogburn, C. A. Cecil, R. J Paschall.

Statistics—W. F. Ashburn.

Unfinished Business—W. E. Swain, J. W. Guyer.
Pulpit Service—W. L. Harris, S. I. Sutton, J. M. Hadley.
Christian Endeavor—L. L. Albright, J. F. Dosier, J. Norman Wills.
Conference Steward—J. S. Williams.

A Committee of one was appointed to ascertain who are the claimants to money in the hands of Bro. C. L. Whitaker, collected for expenses to General Conference. C. L. Whitaker was appointed.

Bro. J. S. Hunter of Greensboro was made custodian of the journals and documents of the North Carolina Conference.

Bro. Highfill read a resolution regarding the credentials of female ministers, which, after discussion was tabled, until the previous resolutions offered by Bro. Highfill be disposed of.

The character of the following brethren passed. W. C. Kennett, W. E. Swain, J. F. McCulloch, J. F. Dosier, J. N. Garrett, J. R. Hutton, C. L. Whitaker, C. A. Cecil J. S Dunn, R. R. Hanner, J. G. W. Holloway, N. M. Modlin, O. P. Routh, I. I. York, W. C. Hammer, G. F. Millloway, J. H. Stowe, W. F. McDowell, W. F. Ashburn, W. M. Pike, C. A. Pickens, D. A. Highfill, W. F. Kennett and W. W. Amick.

Adjourned with benediction by L. L. Albright.

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SECOND DAY—November 23, 1893.

The Conference was called to order by the President, and religious services were conducted by Bro. C. L. Whitaker.

The bar of Conference was made to include six seats in front of the pulpit instead of four.

The minutes of the first day's proceedings were read, corrected and adopted.

Rev. J. E. L. Wincoff, of the Presbyterian church, was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat within the bar.

The hour of the day having arrived, resolutions offered by Bro. Highfill were read. Bro. W. C. Hammer called for the Chair to rule the paper out of order. The President decided he could not, and Bro. Hammer appealed from the decision of the Chair. The Conference sustained the Chair. The resolutions were adopted, which are as follows:

Whereas, The General Conference which sat in Westminster, Md., in May 1892 did submit to the Annual Conferences an overture in the words following, viz:

1. Amend Article XII, by adding : "And provided that no Annual Conference shall elect a woman to the office of Elder."

2. Amend Article XII, by adding: And provided that no Annual Conference shall elect a woman as a representative to the General Conference." And

Whereas, It is evident that it was the intention of the majority by the aforesaid overture which was adopted to make the action of the General Conference of 1892 binding upon the church, although said action was in conflict with the solemn declarations of preceeding General Conferences, one of which was clothed with conventional powers. And,

Whereas, This was an attempt to reverse the established order of procedure (which requires a vote of two-thirds of the Annual Conferences to alter or amend the constitution,) and impose upon those who adhere to the law as heretofore expounded by the highest authorities in the church, the necessity of securing a vote of two-thirds of the Annual Conferences to annul the unlawful action of the General Conference of 1892. And,

Whereas, It is evident to us that the prohibitions of the aforesaid overture are already in the organic law of the church; Therefore,

Resolved, By the North Carolina Annual Conference, that we do here and now refuse to vote on the above named overture.

D. A. HIGHFILL.
J. L. MICHAUX.

Bro. T. J. Ogburn, as chairman of Committee on President's report read the following which was adopted:

Your Committee on the President's Report would report as follows:

1st. We recommend the appointment of the committee suggested for more proper looking after the young students for the ministry.

2nd. The remarks on the theory and practice of Baptism, we refer to the Committee on the means of grace.

3rd. To the Committee on the Y. P. S. C. E. we refer that part relating to said society.

4th. Remarks on missions are referred to the Church Extension Board.

5th. Suggestions as to boundaries referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

6th. Remarks Concerning Committee on Finance, are referred to that Committee.

7th. We recommend the appointment of a Special Committee to whom should be referred the insubordinate conduct of the Quarterly Conferences of the Forsyth and Guilford Circuits.

8th. To the Committee on Literature are referred the suggestions as to Church papers.

9th. The reference to inefficient preachers is referred to the Committee of Reference.

10th. Your Committee would respectfully emphasize the importance of immediate action upon the General Conference overtures referred to.

T. J. OGBURN.
C. A. CECIL.

Committee on Credentials made a second partial report which was adopted as follows:

LaGrange—J. McDixon;
Buncombe—William Clinton;
Lincoln—W. C. Childress;
Monroe—D. A. Braswell;
Henderson—S. R. Harris;
Haw River—W. F. Preddy;
Cleveland—J. A. Powell;
Greensboro—J. Norman Wills;
Ashboro—W. C. Hammer, Jr;
Granville—Jas. T. Cozart;
Flat Rock—J. L. Ogburn.

By vote the overture from the General Conference concerning the seating of the Presidents of Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor was sustained.

The overture from General Conference regarding the election of Stewards was lost by one vote.

The hour of the day was suspended that Bro. T. J. Ogburn might make a partial report as chairman of the Committee on Examination. Report adopted.

FIRST PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINATION.

I. Bros. J. H. Stowe and G. F. Milloway having passed an approved examination on all the studies of the whole three years' course excepting Logic, we most cheerfully recommend them for ordination, requiring them however to review Logic.

2. Bros. W. F. Ashburn and N. M. Modlin have also passed well in all the studies excepting Logic and Butler's Analogy and we recommend them for ordination requiring them to review the above studies and to submit, each, a sermon on Apostasy.

3. Bros. T. M. Johnson and J. S. Willlams having graduated from the W. Md. Theological Seminary and the Board

being satisfied, as to their general qualification, in view of evident emergencies of the case we recommend their release from the ordinary requirement as to *time* and their ordination; requiring them to study Butler's Analogy and Bro. Johnson to prepare a sermon on Apostasy.

4. Bro. J. D. Williams is recommended by the Orange Circuit Quarterly Conference for itinerancy. We recommend him to the Stationing authority, but would insist that he must prepare for examination on the 2nd year's course at the next Conference.

Respectfully Submitted
T. J. OGBURN.
Secretary of the Board.

J H. Stowe, G. F. Milloway, W. F. Ashburn, T. M. Johnson, J. S. Williams and N. M. Modlin were elected to elders orders.

The hour of the day having arrived, Conference suspended business to hear the Conference Sermon by Bro. J. F. Dosier.

After the sermon the brethern who were elected to orders were ordained. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The brethern who were ordained at the close of the morning session were received as members of the Conference and their names were ordered to be recorded on the Conference Roll.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the next President elected be required to travel the district during the year.

J. S. DUNN.
I. I. YORK.

By vote it was decided that the President be the Stationing Committee.

It was voted that a Committee on Appeals be appointed.

The President appointed the following: Revs. J. L. Michaux, A. W. Lineberry; W. W. Amick and Bros. J. L. Ogburn, R. M. Cox, Z. M. Rea.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of this Conference, if possible, to secure reduced rates on all the Rail Roads leading to the seat of Conference, and publish the rates to the church, together with the schedule of the arrival of the different trains, at least four weeks prior to the sitting of Conference.

D. A. HIGHFILL.
C. A. CECIL.

A Committee to look after the young men contemplating the Ministry was appointed as follows: Rev. W. C. Hammer, Bros. J. L. Ogburn, J. Norman Wills.

A Committee on Insubordinate Action on Forsyth and Guilford Circuits, was appointed as follows: Revs. T. F. McCulloch, W. F. Kennett, Bro. J. H. Bowman.

Revs. T. J. Ogburn, C. A. Cecil and Bro. W. T. Clinton were appointed a Committee of Reference.

The following report from Committee on Literature was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Whereas, We believe that, as a man cannot be an intelligent Christian without reading his Bible, neither can he be an intellegent Methodist Protestant without reading at least one of our own Church Papers. And

Whereas, The Methodist Protestant has continued to improve until it is better than ever, therefore we take pleasure in recommending it to our people and urging them to take it.

We recommend that pastors see that our Sunday Schools use our own Literature.

We also recommend the Methodist Recorder and Missionary Bulletin to our membership.

And further, as we do not believe a man can be an intelligent Methodist Protestant without reading one or more of our own church papers we do not believe that any minister should receive work from this Conference nor should any layman be elected a delegate thereto who does not take at least one of our own Church papers.

C. L. WHITAKER.
Z. M. Rea.

The Conference by vote made it the duty of each pastor to inform his people of the contents of the above report.

J. H. Stowe was elected a member of the Board of Examination to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. J. R. Ball.

The President announced the hour of the day to be the election of officers.

On second ballot Rev. T. T. Ferree was elected president. Bro. Swain was asked to escort the President-elect to the chair where the retiring president invited him to take his seat.

Bro. Bunch made appropriate remarks and returned thanks to the people of the North Carolina Conference.

The following resolution was passed by a standing vote.

Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty appreciation of the faithful, earnest and efficient labors of our worthy and much loved ex-president, the Rev. W. A. Bunch; and that we shall ever pray God's blessing upon him wherever His Providence may call him to labor,

T. J. Ogburn, W. L. Harris, W. C. Hammer, W. W, Amick, D. A. Highfill.

Bro. W. A. Bunch moved that the President cast the vote of the Conference for Bro. L. L. Albright for Secretary. Carried. Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. J. N. Garrett.

THIRD DAY—November 24th.

Conference called to order by Bro. Ferree, and religious services conducted by Bro. T. F. McCulloch.

The minutes of the previous day read, corrected and adopted. Bro. W. A. Bunch was added to the stationing committee. J. H. Gilbreth was introduced to the Conference. Conference ordered that all pastors be required to hand in their reports onstatistics and finance by 2 o'clock this afternoon, or be required to give a good excuse, or receive a reprimand.

Rules of order, No 23, were amended by adding "except by a two-third vote of the Conference."

Rev. T. T. Ferree's character was passed.

The character of the following ministers passed: A. W. Lineberry, J. E. Hartsel, J. R. Savage, T. J. Ogburn, T. M. Johnson, W. L. Harris; J. H. Moton, W. C. Lewis, E. A. Plyler, L. L. Albright, P. D. Moore, J. L. Giles, W. B. Martin.

The committee on Finance submitted their report which was moved to be adopted.

Conference suspended for thirty minutes that the people of LaGrange might decorate the church for the memorial services.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Ferree, and Bro. J. L. Michaux read the following memorial:

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. J. R. BALL.

The North Carolina Conference, year after year since it came into being, has not been wanting in reminders of the mortality of its membership, and that the names of its most laborious and successful workmen must inevitably be transferred from the list of the living to the longer and ever-growing list of the dead.

Another and well-known name, that of REV. JAMES RILEY BALL, who mingled with us in the transactions of this Conference one year ago, when called by your Secretary will receive no answer. The voice that was wont at so many returning sessions to answer to that name is stilled forever, and none of us will hear it any more, save in imagination only.

But, anticipating this void in our assembly and this silence on the part of one who will be seen among us no more, the special obituary committee appointed in the interval of Conference by the Executive of the District, beg leave to present a brief tribute to the memory of our beloved departed Brother:

REV. JAMES RILEY BALL, son of Jairus Ball and his wife Mary Ball, nee Roberts, was born in Buncombe county, N. C., October 26th, 1834, and died at his home in Greensboro, N. C., June 14th, 1893.

The first appearance of Bro. BALL in an Annual Conference was at Yadkin Institute in November, 1860, when he came both as a lay delegate from Buncombe Circuit and a candidate for the itinerancy. Being assigned as junior preacher on the Granville Circuit, he went at once to his field of labor on which he did effective work during 1861. From Granville he went to Orange, and the Conference of 1864 assigned him to Halifax Circuit, during which year, May 18th, 1865, he was married to MISS LUCY WRIGHT, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas D. Wright, of Franklin county.

Completing the year 1865 on Halifax Circuit, Bro. BALL was transferred by appointment to Granville Circuit, from which after a year or two he was sent to Orange Circuit, and from thence, in 1868, he removed to his farm in Buncombe county. After an interval of about three years he entered again upon active work and was assigned again to Orange Circuit. From Orange Circuit he went to Roanoke, and at the Conference of 1876 he was assigned to Greensboro Circuit.

On this last named field, alternating with Guilford, Orange, and the Oak Ridge charge, and with a year or two in the executive office, our deceased brother spent the years between 1876 and the date of his death—his last appointment, Liberty Circuit, being a detached portion of what had been Greensboro Circuit. Our Brother was also, at different times, a representative in the General Conferences of his church.

Brother BALL was emphatically a useful man, and in that direction all his labors were given. His gravity and earnestness, which marked his character in a high degree, his sense of solemn responsibility, his ardent zeal, his unremitting toil, combined to make his ministry a decided success, and the warm attachment which he always won from the churches which shared in his labors will linger long as the odor of precious ointment poured forth.

A close and prayerful student in the Holy Scriptures and in the best authorities on doctrinal and practical Theology, his mind was informed and his imagination chastened by the unsearchable riches of truth, as the truth is in Jesus, while a rich personal experience of saving grace lent to his preaching a pathos which won many hearts to the faith of the Gospel.

A thoroughly sincere and solid man was our deceased brother. His mind showed no affinity for aught but that which he believed to be of practical value.

The themes of his sermons were to him of momentous import, and he never failed to impress his hearers with the solemn issues involved in his message to dying men. During the later years of his life he seemed to grow more sensible of the burden of his responsibility, and more thoroughly absorbed in the great peoblem of Redemption through the atonement of Calvary. Whithout doubt his last days were his best days, and that in this season he had a precious reaffirmation to his consciousness of the unshaken, immovable firmness of the Foundation on which his soul rested.

Contrary to what usually obtains in the closing years of ministerial life, when, almost as by general consent, habits of study are relaxed, and physical and mental forces alike surrender to the approaches of age, Bro. BALL seemed to gird up the loins of his mind anew, and applied himself with more than his earlier diligence to the acquisition of Scripture knowledge and to the careful preparation of his sermons, so that, instead of declining in forcefulness as a preacher he often went down into deeper depths, soared to sublimer heights and penetrated into broader fields.

All through his career he was a dilligent student, not of the letter which killeth, but of the Spirit which giveth life, choosing the best authorities and delving patiently in the mines of sacred thought for the treasures which enrich and beautify the Sanctuary of our God.

The personal appearance of Bro. BALL as he stood in the pulpit and conducted the worship was in a marked degree commanding. Dignified, placid, serene, deliberate, reverential, devout; solemnly impressed with the weight of his charge, his voice, his gestures, his general expression—altogether—brought his audience into symphathy with the occasion and the message.

Nor did he lay aside any of these characteristics in his frequent visits to the families of his charge. Here he was becomingly cheerful, adapting himself wisely to the surroundings, yet avoiding everything frivolous or otherwise exceptionable.

His evident interest in the home affairs of his flock made him a welcome guest where he came, and his Christian deportment and pious conversation were a savor of life and a lasting benediction.

From his attached friend and schoolmate. S. V. Pickens, Esqr., of Hendersonville, N. C., come the following reminiscences :

I had known personally and well the late Rev. J. R. Ball from early childhood to the time of his death, but far more intimately in earlier than later life. He was my senior by about two years. We were born and raised on the same creek—Flat Creek—in Buncombe county, N. C , our parents living about two and a-half miles apart. He was one of the several sons of Jairus and Mary Ball. The latter was a sister of James Riley Roberts, the father of the late Rev. W. McB. Roberts of the N. C. Conference. They were, therefore, cousins as well as close friends and class-mates at College.

In the years '57 and '58 we were all students at Tusculum College, Tenn., Dr. Samuel Doak, a Presbyterian minister, then being President. "Jimmie Ball," as he was called by the boys of the College, like most others from North Carolina—and they were many—rented rooms and did his own cooking,—"bachelored," as this manner of living was designated ; and well do I remember his and Will Roberts' Cottage, nearly one mile from the College building, at which so many hours were pleasantly spent. Indeed, it was a sort of resort or headquarters for North Carolinians.

We were also together one year at Weaverville College, N. C. During his entire college life he was prompt in business, faithful to duty, suceessful in the prosecution of his studies, and ever sustained the reputation and character of a christian gentleman. Of his faithfulness to duty, the high trust committed to him, and his efficiency in his profession since he entered the ministry, the record is already made, and his name indelibly written in Heaven."

Our deceased Brother, as has been stated, was by the last Annual Conference assigned to the pastorate of Liberty Circuit, and on that field he did his last work.

At frequent intervals for some years past he had been subject to seasons of sickness more or less serious, and during the winter and spring of 1893 he was far from well. He however braced himself as well as he could against the inroads of a growing debility, and threw unusual life into the performance of his pastoral duties, preaching with much warmth and vigor, until Monday, May 22nd, 1893, when he returned home from the labors of the previous day, in which he had preached twice with his usual zeal and force. He reached home in a feeble state of health, and under the impression, as he said to his family, that he had gone and returned for the last time. His physician did not regard his malady—malaria and nevous prostration—as serious, but found, day by day, that the mental depression of the patient neutralized the efficacy of the remedies used. This state of things continued and the patient grew weaker gradually—without any positive disease—until Wednesday, June 14th, in the morning of which day there were alarming symptoms of dissolution. These symptoms grew more pronounced as the day wore on, and by noon hope had well-nigh fled. A number of close friends, in addition to members of the family were present to extend any aid within their power, but it was only to witness the quiet breathing out of the spirit which was soon to leave its tenement of clay for its house "eternal in the heavens."

About forty minutes previous to the last breath Bro. T. F. McCulloch asked: "Do you feel that the Saviour is with you?" The reply was: "Yes." For some while the patient seemed to be conscious of no pain, and at last, without a struggle or a groan, the spirit ascended to its rest.

The funeral took place at 10:30 A. M., on Friday, June 16th, in Grace Methodist Protestant Church, Greensboro, and was numerously attended by friends and the public, who showed marked respect for the occasion.

The following exercises were held at the church: The anthem; "Blessed are the Dead," was rendered by the choir, which was followed by the reading of the hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and the opening prayer by Rev. S. H. Hilliard, of West Market Street, M. E. Church, South. The Scripture Lesson, the 90th Psalm, was read by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Williams, after which Rev. J. L. Michaux delivered the Memorial Address. Following the address Rev T. J. Ogburn delivered brief, appropriate remarks, based upon John 17:24. Another hymn was sung: "Asleep in Jesus," and the funeral cortege proceeded to Green Hill Cemetery, where, after the reading of the burial service by Rev. T. J. Ogburn, the body of our departed brother and fellow laborer was committed to the earth, awaiting the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The deceased left behind him to mourn his departure a devoted and stricken wife and four children, for whom our earnest prayers should be given that they may meet their loved one in the deathless home to which we confidently believe he has gone.

And thus, beloved, as the years roll by, one by one, our toil-worn workers in the harvest field of the world, who have long endured the burden and heat of the day, pass over to the other side of the river where the weary find their rest, and toil and suffer no more forever.

J. L. MICHAUX.
T. J. OGBURN.
J. ALLEN HOLT.
S. V. PICKENS.

Revs. J. S. Dunn, J. N. Garrett, C. A. Pickens, W. C. Kennett, A. W. Lineberry, T J. Ogburn and W. A. Bunch made touching and appropriate remarks on the life and death of Bro. Ball. Bro. Bunch proposed to raise money for a memorial window for Bro. Ball in Grace M. P. Church of Greensboro. Bro. J. Norman Wills on behalf of said church promised $22.50 toward the window. Conference raised the forty additional dollars. J. H. Gilbreth of the Society of Friends made a few remarks and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. L. Michaux.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. J. H. McCulloch, Ex-President of Adrian College, was introduced to the Conference.

To-morrow at 11:30 o'clock was set for the time of taking collection for Local Missions

Ten o'clock to-morrow set to hear J. F. McCulloch on Colleges.

Report of Committee on Finance was tabled.

The Conference decided to take up the interest of Yadkin College. Bro. Garrett proceeded to make a report as a Trustee. Action on Yadkin College interests was deferred untll certain propositions be made to the Conference. The Conference requested the Committee on Colleges to report to a session of Conference to be held after the lecture to-night.

The character of the following ministers passed: J. S. Williams, H. Lewallen, J. W. Heath, S. A. Cecil, C. F. Harris, J. L. Michaux, S. Simpson, R. R. Michaux, A. L. Hunter, A. K. Scotten, W. C. Lassiter, W. T. Totten, J. G. Johnson. Bros. F. A. Sides, H. D. Garman, J. B. Naugle, were referred to Committee of Reference.

E A. Wright transferred to the Mississippi Conference.

Letters from Rev. J. C. Berrien, Cor. Sec. of the Board of Ministerial Education, and Rev. F. T. Tagg, Editor of the *Methodist Protestant* were read. Bro. Tagg's letter was referred to Committee on Literature and Bro. Berrien's to Committee on Ministerial Education. The chairman of the Committee on examination made second partial report, which was odopte l.

SECOND PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINATION.

1st. We recommend W. C. Lewis for ordination.

2nd We recommend the ordination of J. G. W. Holloway and require him to review Butler's Analogy and Logic by the next Conference

3rd. On motion the name of J B. Naugle was strieken from the roll of Theologues.

4th. W. C. Lassiter passed an examination on Ralston and Watson, 1st and 2nd parts, and was advanced to class of 3rd year, but is to review Blackburn and Rhetoric.

We also recommend him to the stationing authority.

5th. H. S. B. Thompson was recommended to the President for employment and admitted to the class of First year.

6th. D. H. Braswell is recommended to the President for employment.

7th. W. D. Fogleman is recommended to the President and required to pass an examination on the first year's course at next Conference.

8th. O. P. Routh passed a good examination and was advanced to the class of the 2nd year.

9th. J. R. Hutton is passed to class of 2nd year, excepting on Bassett, and is permitted to complete the 3rd year's course by next Conference

10th. J. R. Walton is admitted to the class of the Ist year, but not recommended to the President because he ought to complete his education.

11th. Bro. J. B. Tarlton, a local elder, comes recommended by the Monroe Quarterly Conference, for the itinerancy, notwithstanding his apparent competence and the abundant endorsement given him, we yet hesitate to recommend him because of the crowded state of our itinerant ranks.

Item eleven was so amended as to recommend Bro. Tarlton to the President for employment, and the report was adopted as a whole.

W. C. Lewis and J. G. W. Holloway were elected to orders.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. N. M. Modlin.

NIGHT SESSION.

President in the chair.

W. F. Ashburn and J. D. Williams added to the Committee on Colleges.

Characters of C. E. M. Raper and C. H. Whitaker were passed.

The Committee on Pastoral Work submitted following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL WORK.

The success of every local church depends, to a great extent upon the pastoral work. It is not true that every popular preacher is a good pastor. The efficient and successful pastor must do much work outside of the pulpit. This is so true, that he has no time to idle or take up other callings or work.

There are the class-books to look after. He should see that each class is provided with a suitable blank book, and that the names of all the members are plainly enrolled therein; and that all the changes are plainly noted, such as deaths, withdrawals, changes made by marriage, etc. And there are Sunday Schools, class-meetings, and prayer-meetings to look after. For no church should be without these means of grace. And we would specially press the importance of pastoral visiting. The sick and infirm members should be visited, prayed with, and sympathised with. Not only should we visit sick and infirm members and comfort them with Gospel truths. but those who are physically healthy, but morally afflicted, should be specially cared for and properly treated.

In short, the members should be visited. instructed and prayed with. However, amid all this work, a proper proportion of time should be given to pulpit preparation, for the Gospel is God's special means in saving sinners.

We therefore recommend that pastors be requested to use all the time that they can spare from pulpit preparation, and apply to pastoral work. For, out of the pulpit, there are wolves and proselytes that need watching as well as the work that should be done to build up the church and save sinners.

Respectfully Submitted
W. C. HAMMER,
A. W. LINEBERRY,
J. H. PEGRAM.

Committees on Boundaries made a partial report. Conference voted to consider the report item by item.

FOURTH DAY—November 25th.

The Chairman called the Conference to order and W. C. Kennett conducted religious services. The minutes of the previous day's work were read, corrected and adopted.

The hour of the day for hearing Rev. J. F. McCulloch on Colleges having arrived, business was suspended. After Bro. McCulloch's address the Conference recognized his presence by a standing vote and was led in prayer by Bro. Swain for God's blessing upon the cause he represented.

The hour of the day having arrived for the meeting of the Local Missionary Society, Conference again suspended business.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Colleges submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES.

Your Committee on Colleges would respectfully report:

We notice with gratification the continued prosperity, and, as we believe, the increasing usefulness of Western Maryland College, and we heartily recommend it to our people as in every sense worthy of their patronage

We also call attention to Adrian College as an institution under the control of the General Conference of our church, and entitled to receive due consideration at our hands.

We do not deem it amiss to call attention to our Theological Seminary at Westminster, Md. We are deeply impressed with the importance of this institution's being thoroughly sustained, and patronized, so far as possible. We deprecate the lack of interest existing within our own borders, as evidenced by the meagre collections for its support, and also by the fact that the blank reports sent out to the pastors do not provide for a report upon this item. Future progress and an educated ministry are inseparable, and the proper maintenance of the Seminary is indispensable to the complete education of our young men. We recommend that every pastor be required to faithfully present the claims of the Seminary in conjunction with the other general interests of the church, and in every case to take a collection for its support.

We have had under consideration the interests of Yadkin College. The facts in the case, as we gather them from Bro. Garrett, representing the institution, and Bro. Powell, a student, and the records of the conference, are: The Annual Conference of 1891 was requested by the Board of Trustees of the College to authorize the mortgaging of the property in order that funds to complete the building might be provided, which was done. At present there is a debt of $800.00, which will be due in February or March, with annual interest at 8 per cent. for two years, less a payment of perhaps $40.00; another of $175.00, due later, with annual interest at 8 per cent.; another of $250.00, due still later, with simple interest at 8 per cent., making as near as we can estimate it, a total indebtedness of $1,387.24. This matter was brought to the attention of the conference of 1892, and the Committee on Colleges stated that the debt should be liquidated, and that a plan should be formulated for so doing, but no plan was suggested, nor has been suggested, to your present committee, and they have been able to find none.

We can but [illegible] as unfortunate that the trustees should have [illegible]ed authority from the conference to mortgage the property, with no definite plan of even paying the interest until the mortgage became due, or that the conference should have granted this authority without either requiring the trustees to be in possession of a plan, or to have formulated one itself. We consider the demand of Prof. Holmes that this conference take some definite action, reasonable and incumbent.

The obligation of $250.00 and interest must be met at maturity. The interest on the remainder will also be demanded, making the amount required to retain the property about $400.00, which must be raised during the first six months of the ensuing conference year. This will leave an indebtedness of $975.00, the interest on which must be paid, and the principal must also be paid at some time. We feel loath to recommend that the conference levy an assessment to raise either the entire amount, or the amount necessary to carry the larger part of the indebtedness, for the following reasons:

First. We consider it impossible to raise the entire amount.

Second. We regard it as almost as impossible to raise the smaller amount, and even if this could be done, it would afford only temporary relief.

Third. The present status of the institution, other than the financial, is very low. Your committee of last year reported the attendance the previous session eighty-five, of the then current session about fifty per cent. better. From Bro. Powell we learn that the enrollment is now about forty, the average attendance about twenty-eight. Of those in attendance, seven are "irregular" boarders, and none are candidates for the ministry. In view of this condition of affairs, we think the conference would not be justified in levying an assessment upon the various fields of labor in order to raise funds, without some assurance that the school would be more than "nominal," were the building freed from debt; and this cannot be accomplished by the simple paying of the debt. We are frank to confess that we have no hope of securing a patronage for Yadkin College, or making it a success. We therefore recommend that the trustees be directed to dispose of the property to the best advantage possible, as soon as practicable, pay the debt, and place the surplus at the disposal of the conference for appropriation toward the cause of education as it may deem best; giving them the option of providing for the present carrying of the debt until the present stringency is somewhat relieved, and the property can be disposed of to better advantage. In the event that the property cannot be sold, we would [illegible] t it be transferred to anybody, or individuals, [illegible] me the debt.

MICHAUX,
W. F. ASHBURN,
J. D. WILLIAMS,
J. NORMAN WILLS,
Committee-

Rev. R. D. Carroll, of the Baptist church of La Grange, was introduced to the Conference.

Bro. Dixon, delegate from La Grange circuit, was excused from Conference.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the word "male" be stricken from our election law.

W. A. BUNCH,
C. L. WHITAKER.

The report of Committee on Finance was taken from the table and recommitted.

Conference decided to hold a night session at 7 o'clock.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the cases of insubordinate action on the part of the Quarterly Conferences of Guilford and Forsyth Circuits in refusing to accept the Annual Conference assessment for President's salary, beg leave to make the following report:

From the best information we can obtain, the refusal was not actuated by a spirit of rebellion against the Annual Conference, but by lack of confidence in the liberality and ability of the membership. Your Committee would further say that perhaps the assessment on the Forsyth Circuit is a little more than its proportion. We would recommend that in the future these fields accept the assessment and make a faithful effort to pay it.

J. F. McCULLOCH,
W. F. KENNETT,
J. H. BOWMAN.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch was requested to present some proposition concerning the establishment of an educational institution at the opening of the night session.

The Secretary was required to have a complete roll of the preachers of the Conference by seven o'clock to-night, when it should be called, and all members expected to answer.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Bro. J. S. Dunn.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Conference called to order by the President in the chair.

Rev. J. F Cowan, editor of "Our Young People," was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch was heard on Colleges.

Following resolution passed:

Resolved, That this Conference appoint T. J. Ogburn, W. A. Bunch, S. R. Harris, J. S. Hunter and G. C. Hinc, a committee to receive propositions in view of establishing an institution of learning of high grade; and to act for the Conference; and to report plans, etc., on Monday of this Conference if they see proper.

It was decided to leave off circuit, station, or mission from the names of the different fields, except where there is a station and circuit of the same name.

Rev. J. L. Michaux was appointed Recording Secretary of the Conference.

Adjourned with benediction by Bro. Ogburn.

FIFTH DAY—November 27th.

Conference called to order by the President. Religeous services conducted by J. G. W. Holloway. The minutes of previous day's work were read and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted by a standing vote:

Resolved "That this Conference do hereby tender to the citizens of LaGrange, our heart-felt thanks for their kind hospitable entertainment of the members of our body, and that we will pray Heaven's blessing upon them."

A. W. LINEBERRY.
J. L. MICHAUX.

Report of Committee on Temperance adopted.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: We recognize with regret the evils of intemperance; especially the use of ardent spirits as a beverage. It is not only evil in itself, but brings other evils in its train. About nine tenths of the crimes of the age are traceable; either directly or indirectly, to the liquor traffic. It is the great barrier to the progress of the Gospel, both at home and abroad; is the antagonist of the peace and prosperity of our nationality; the disturber of the quiet of the Sabbath, the peace of the church, and the tranquility of the family circle.

Therefore, be it resolved by the North Carolina Conference of the M. P. Church;

1. That we will not support, or do anything that has a tendency to encourage this iniquitous traffic.
2. That we will do all that we can conscientiously to suppress and abolish the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits, except for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes.

J. E. HARTSEL.
J. H. BOWMAN.
R. L. COX.

Your Committee on Correspondence have carefully read all letters which came into our hands, and they have been referred to the appropriate committees. Respectfully,

J. N. GARRETT,
A. E. CARTER.

J. G. W. Holloway and W. C. Lewis were voted into the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Upon examination of the statistics of the Conference, we find the Sunday School enrollment to be only a little over fifty per cent. of the church membership; we think the number should be equal or greater than the church membership In order to have greater success in this important work, we respectfully suggest that our young preachers make the Sunday School, its object, relation to the church, organization and management a special study. Your committee would emphasize the importance to us as a denomination of using our OWN literature. We also recommend that our Sunday Schools observe Children's Day each year.

T. F. McCULLOCH,
E. A. PLYLER,
JOHN A. POWELL.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That to the various railroad companies for reduced rates over their roads, we return our grateful appreciation.

J. S. DUNN,
A. W. SURRATT.

J. Norman Wills, delegate from Greensboro, was excused from further attendance.

S. R. Harris, delegate from Henderson, was excused from further attendance and Dr. Fletcher Harris authorized to represent him by proxy, on Committee on Colleges.

Rev. J. F. Cowan was invited to make a few remarks to the Conference.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The N. C. Annual Conference of 1892 did enact certain resolutions favorable to the establishment of a Conference newspaper, through a joint stock company, and

Whereas, for several substantial reasons, growing out of the stringency of the times, the formation of the aforesaid joint stock company has not been completed, therefore

Resolved, That the Conference reaffirm and continue the said resolution for the year ensuing.

J. L. MICHAUX,
A. W. LINEBERRY.

Ex president Bunch read his financial report, which was referred to the Conference Steward.

Resolved, That pastors be held accountable for looking after the payment of the President's salary.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in the chair.

Consideration of the report on superanuates was deferred until the chairman of the committee be present.

Report of Committee on Missions was read, Bro. Coulburn spoke on the paper and requested the appointment of a committee of three before whom he might vindicate the Board of Foreign Missions. The following were appointed: W. C. Hammer, W. E. Swain and J. L. Ogburn.

J. L. Ogburn resigned his position on the committee, and Dr. Harris was appointed in his stead.

By vote, Dr. Harris was made a member of this conference, instead of S. R. Harris.

The report of Committee on Missions was adopted, which is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would report as follows:

We are plaesed to have with us Rev. T. E. Coulbourn, of Lynchburg Va., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and we recommend that he have ample time to present to us the interests he so well represents.

We rejoice to hear of the work of our Home Mission Board in the different parts of the United States.

We are glad to know that our Local Missionary work in this State is prospering. We should put forth more earnest efforts to enlarge our borders. There are many places in North Carolina which we ought to enter and set up the banner of Mutual Rights.

We recommend that each charge in the district be assessed in accordance with the report of the Finance Committee.

We also recommend that each pastor preach one or more sermons at each appointment during the year upon the subject of Missions.

We also recommend the envelope plan where practicable. and that Children's Day Services be observed in all our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. A. HIGHIFLL, Chairman.
IKE I. YORK.

The committee before whom Rev. T. E. Coulbourn desired to appear were excused, that they might hold a meeting.

Report on Superanuated Fund was adopted as follows:

Rev. C. F. Harris	$30.00
" R. R. Michaux	30.00
Miss Mattie Albright	17.50
Mrs. James Deans, Sr.	12.50
" A. J. Laughlin	12.40

J. L. Ogburn was appointed to receive money for the Committee on Superanuates and pay over to the claimants.

The following report from Committee of Reference was adopted:

1. The complaint against Bro. G. E. Hunt was withdrawn, and we recommend that his character pass.
2. The committee being satisfied that Bro. J. B. Naugle has been unfaithful in his pastoral work, recommend that he be dropped from our itenerant ranks.
3. Complaints were heard against the business integrity of Bro. F. A. Sides, but Bro. Sides having promised to pay all his debts, we recommend that the passage of his character be suspended until the Conference is satisfied that he has done so.

T. J. OGBURN,
C. A. CECIL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would make the following report: We have given as much time and consideration to the subject as our time and circumstances would permit and we find

1st. That the salaries of our pastors are entirely two low, for their respectable and comfortable living—indeed it is remarkable how some of them manage to live on the amount received. In 1883, the average salary paid to pastors in our Conference was $260. In 1892, nine years later, the average was $323, an annual increase of about $6; at this rate of improvement it will require more than 29 years for the average to reach $500.

The editor of the *Methodist Protestant* in a recent number of that paper commenting on the question of Finance in the North Carolina Conference, makes use of the following language: "The salaries of the pastors are too low—too low for the comfortable living of the pastors; too low to give dignity and character to the church; too low to afford an inviting field to the best young men seeking the ministry; too low for the laymen who do not pay enough to the church to enlist their interest or show their appreciation of the blessings of the Gospel." This is the way it appears to a disinterested party; and your Committee fully concur in this opinion. But how to remedy the evil is a difficult problem. We believe however our preachers should in the first place, demand of the people whom they serve a better support— and that this Conference should give preference in supplying the work, to those fields of labor, which manifest a willingness to give a reasonable support to the ministry. We believe furthermore, that our pastors should not hesitate to preach the "Gospel of benevolence." Many of our people need only to be enlightened on this question to cause them to respond liberally to all the reasonable demands of the church. Our leading laymen also can do much to remove this hinderance to our work. A few intelligent, consecrated men can soon revolutionize a circuit or station, if they have God on their side. On many fields the people are not only robbing the pastor of what is justly due him, but they rob God and themselves at the same time, for it is written, "The liberal soul shall be made fat," and "Honor the Lord with thy substance and the first fruits of all increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty;" besides, it is a sin to rob God, and sin should always be rebuked. Our pastors salaries must be increased—everything else demands it, and why shold not we?

As to our general interests it gives us pleasure to be able to report a decided improvement all along the line. In 1883 our total collections for Home and Foreign Missions amounted to only $328. In 1892, nine years later, our contributions to these causes were $1296, an increase of 350 per cent. According to our custom the general interests are largely in the hands of the pastors, and the above indicates faithfulness upon their part, and we can only urge them to continue in well doing. We believe however that this Conference should demand uniformity upon the part of pastors in presenting these interests and raising collections for the same and that a premium should be put upon faithfulness and that negligence should be censured. We believe also, that much good might be accomplished for the cause by the question being opened for discussion before this body, and fully ventilated.

We reccommend that the President's salary be $1,000, apportioned as follows:

Chatham	$15.00	Wadesboro	7.50
Albemarle	12.00	Asheboro	30.00
La Grange	20.00	Cedar Falls	30.00
Roanoke	35.00	Randlem'n & Asheb'ro	20.00
Halifax	35.00	Stanley	20.00
Henderson	20.00	Monroe	7.50
Littleton	20.00	Mecklenburg	30.00
North Granville	30.00	Forsyth	30.00
Orange	35.00	Ivy	20.00
Alamance	40.00	Buncombe	30.00
Mt. Hermon	35.00	Caldwell	10.00
Randolph	15.00	Mocksville	20.00
Liberty	30.00	Cleveland	25.00
Tabernacle	30.00	Lincoln	25.00
Granville	30.00	Greenville	20.00
Flat Rock	40.00	Yadkin Mission	10.00
Surry	20.00	Burlington	15.00
Winston	35.00	Pee Dee	10.00
High Point	25.00	Winston Station	10.00
Catawba	15.00	Haw River.	35.00
Guilford	30.00	Spring Church	10.00
Davidson	30.00	Greensboro St.	5.00
Tar River	5.00	Twin-City Mission	2.50

And that the assessments for general interests remain the same as last year. All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

W. F. KENNETT, Chm'n,
W. E. SWAIN,
A. BRASWELL, Jr.

Addenda—We recommend that the assessment plan be used on all the charges in the collection of pastor's and president's salary. We further recommend that our financial blanks, for reports to the Annual Conference be so arranged that each church on the charge may be reported separately.

Report of Committee on Ordinances adopted:

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

The ordinances of Christ are not only badges, or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they are certain signs of grace and God's will toward us, by which He doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our faith in Him.

There are two Ordinances of Christ our Lord in the Gospel, that is to say, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

BAPTISM.

Baptism is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference whereby christians are distinguished from others that are not baptised, but it is also a sign of regeneration, or new birth.

The commission of the Master is, "Go teach, baptising them." We recommend that the ministers examine this Scripture and see how closely the teaching and baptism are connected. Is not baptism a part of the teaching? We recommend our ministers to teach and urge parents to dedicate their children to God by the ordinance of Baptism.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We are taught in the Scripture, and it is held in our book of discipline, that the supper of the Lord is not only a sign that christians ought to have among themselves, of the love of the one to the other, but rather is an ordinance of our redemption by Christ's death. By this ordinance we keep in memory Him that loved us, and gave His life a ransom for us. He said "This do in remembrance of Me." As a church, we hold that the Lord's Supper is a means of grace. We therefore recommend that the ministers of this Conference use this means of Grace more than the reports to this Conference show. We also recommend and urge the lay brethren, especially the steward, to make ample and convenient preparations, as the discipline requires, for the ordinances, that the ministry be not hindered.

C. A. PICKENS.

Conference decided to hold a session at 7 o'clock to-night, and that 7:30 o'clock be the hour to hear the report of a special Committee on Colleges.

W. F. Kennett offered the following paper which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference appoint a committee of three who shall sit on the merits of the prospective local church paper for North Carolina, and that when they shall decide that the said paper meets the demands of the Conference every pastor shall be under obligations to his utmost, to extend its circulation and make it a success in every way.

The president appointed as the above committee, D. A. Highfill, W. A. Bunch and J. Norman Wills.

The following was read and adopted:

Whereas, The High Point church enterprise has been taken under the care of the Board of Home Missions, and said Board is dispensing its aid through W. A. Bunch, therefore

Resolved, That W. A. Bunch and the president, T. T. Ferree, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to see that the work is properly prosecuted and if possible completed during this Conference year. Signed,

J. N. GARRETT,
R. L. COX,
J. L. OGBURN.

The report of the Committee on Y. P. S C. E. was presented by J. F Dosier and adopted:

Your Committee on Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor beg leave to report:

We consider the organization of our young people for development in Christian activity indispensable to the growth and progress of our church. We recommend therefore,

1. That pastors be required to acquaint themselves with Christian Endeavor methods, and present them to their people and organize societies wherever possible

2. That the organization be strictly in accordance with the requirements of the united societies—i. e., that the pledges be insisted upon.

3. That the pastors keep a vigilant oversight over the operations of the several societies on their fields.

4. We recommend that "Our Young People" be introduced into all our societies.

5. Further, as to progress, we beg leave to report that there are eight societies and about two hundred members in North Carolina; and the society at Winston is publishing a neat and interesting paper devoted to the Christian Endeavor work of the Winston church. Signed,

L. L. ALBRIGHT,
J. F. DOSIER.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That our warmest thanks are due to the Committee on Entertainment of the Conference, of which Rev. W. L. Harris is chairman, for the very complete and pleasant arrangements for the comfort and convenience of members and visitors. Signed,

A. E. CARTER,
J. L. MICHAUX.

On motion of W. A Bunch it was resolved that Rev. J. F McCulloch be considered a member of this Conference as soon as its president shall sign his transfer.

On motion Conference adjourned to 7 p m.

Benediction by W. F. Kennett.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION.—7 O'CLOCK.

J. S. Dunn moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the Boundary Committee's report. Carried. Then he moved that Milledgeville be detached from Stanley Circuit and attached to the Davidson Circuit. This motion prevailed; and after further reconsideration Piney Grove was detached from the Davidson Circuit and attached to the High Point Circuit.

Bro. D. A. Highfill moved that the moneys raised for Colleges be handed over to the Treasurer of Yadkin College. An amendment was offered that the moneys be held until further action, which was carried, and then the original motion as amended prevailed.

The order of the day having arrived the Committee on Colleges reported as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES.

Your committee appointed to consider the propositions of Messrs. Wharton, R. Douglass, and the South Greensboro Improvement Company, tendering lands to be used or sold in the establishment of an institution of learning, would recommend for adoption the following:—

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the interest in the work of Christian education evinced by these gentleman through their respective propositions, and that we heartily thank them for directing these propositions to the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That these propositions are worthy of our serious consideration.

Resolved, That we request an extension of time for our acceptance, until we may be able to determine through the committee appointed for the purpose, what the interest of our church requires in the case.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the secretary to each of the three parties who have so generously offered to assist us in the creation of a Methodist Protestant College in North Carolina.

We would furthermore report that we most heartily endorse the proposition to establish an institution of high grade to give free tuition to all sons and daughters of our own church. We believe there is inspiration in this idea of free tuition and that with a view to its realization we should all during the coming year devote our thought to the formulation of plans of work.

We would also propose that a canvass for subscriptions to a building fund be begun at once, provided a plan can be suggested that will enlist sufficient co-operation to convince the Conference that there is strong probability that the effort will result in success.

W. A. BUNCH,
T. J. OGBURN.

On motion the report was considered seriatim, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd items were adopted without discussion. The 4th item was adopted. The paper was adopted as a whole.

Committee on Ministerial Education made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee appointed to look after the status of affairs relative to ministerial education beg leave to make the following report:

1. We find that there are eight young men that have received aid from the Conference.
2. Five of them have been in the regular work this year.
3. Revs. J. S. Williams and W. F. Ashburn adhered strictly to the requirements of the Conference.
4. The following is the account with each one having received aid:

(1)	W. E. SWAIN:	DR.	CR.
1882, Dec. 6.	To one note,	$30.60	
1883, Feb. 24.	" one note,	15.00	
1883, May 14.	" one note,	6.30	
1883, Dec. 15.	" one note,	25.00	
1893. Nov. 27.	Total,	$76.90	

(2)	C. L. WHITAKER:	DR.	CR.
1885, Feb. 19.	To one note,	$50.00	
1885, Aug. 18.	" one note,	45.00	
1886, Nov. 26.	" one note,	32.11	
1893, Nov. 27.	By Cash,		$45.00
" " "	Amount still due,		82.11

(3)	N. M. MODLIN:	DR.	CR.
1889, Jan. 31.	To one note,	$50.00	
1889, Sept. 6.	" one note,	35.00	
1889, Oct. 29.	" one note,	15.00	

	To one note,	15.00	
1893, Nov. 27.	By Cash,		$15.00
" " "	Amount still due,		$100.00
(4)	J. S. WILLIAMS:	DR.	CR.
1889, Nov. 22.	To one note,	$75.00	
1890, Dec. 16.	" one note,	65.00	
1891, Dec.	" one note,	55 00	
1892, Dec. 18.	" one note,	62.50	
1893, Feb. 13.	" one note,	10.00	
1893, Nov. 27.	By Cash,		30.00
1893, Nov. 27.	Amount still due,		$237.50
(5)	W. F. ASHBURN:	DR.	CR.
1890, Mar. 4.	To one note,	$50.00	
1890, Sept. 17.	" one note,	50.00	
1891, Jan. 8.	" one note.	50.00	
1891, Sept. 12.	" one note,	50.00	
1893, Nov. 27.	By Cash,		$ 35.68
1893, Nov. 27.	Amount still due,		164.32
(6)	J. D. WILLIAMS:	DR.	CR.
1890, Sept. 17.	To one note,	$50.00	
1891, Jan. 27.	" one note,	45.00	
1891, Sept. 12.	" one note,	50.00	
1892, Apr. 23.	" one note,	45.00	
1893, Nov. 27.	Total,	$190.00	
(7)	H. S. B. THOMPSON:	DR.	CR.
1892, May 7.	To one note,	$30.00	
1892, Dec. 3.	" one note,	35.00	
1893, Nov. 27.	Total,	$65.00	
(8)	W. O. DAVIS:	DR.	CR.
1892, Nov. 18.	To one note,	$35.00	
1893, Nov. 27.	Sum total.		$950.83
	Amt. of Cash on hand,		172.68

5. In view of the above facts and the pressing need for more money for ministerial education, your committee would most respectfully urge the Conference to adhere strictly in the future to the rules laid down governing the ministerial funds, and that no brother's character pass, who fails to comply in the future with the above requirements, unless he can give a good excuse.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. HAMMER.
J. N. GARRETT, Chairman.
J. W. GUYER.

The President was empowered to detach Yancey from Ivy if he thinks best.

The minutes of the day's proceedings were read and adopted.

Stationing Committee reported as follows:

CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.
Alamance,	D. A. Highfill	Liberty, N. C.
Albemarle,	Unsupplied.	
Asheboro,	J. H. Stowe	Why Not, “
Buncombe,	J. R. Savage	Weaverville, “
Burlington,	W. A. Bunch,	Burlington, “
Cedar Falls,	G. F. Milloway	Worthville, “
Cleveland,	J. H. Moton	Falston, “
Chatham,	W. W. Amick	Liberty, “
Catawba,	H. D. Garmon	River View, “
Caldwell,	P. D. Moore	Rutherford, “
Davidson,	C. A. Pickens	Lexington, “
Flat Rock,	T. J. Ogburn	Summerfield, “
Forsyth,	J. G. W. Holloway	Dosier, “
Greensboro,	J. S. Williams	Greensboro, “
Granville,	W. L. Harris	
Guilford,	W. C. Kennett	
Greenville,	W. F. Ashburn	Pleasant Hill, “
Henderson,	T. M. Johnson	Henderson, “
Haw River,	A. W. Lineberry	Greensboro, “
Halifax.	W. M. Pike	Brinkleyville, “
High Point,	C. E. M. Raper	Guilford College, “
Ivey,	W. C. Lassiter	Democrat, “
La Grange,	W. E. Swain	La Grange, “
Lincoln,	E. A. Plyler	Toluca, “
Liberty,	J. R. Hutton	Climax, “
Littleton,	H. S. B. Thompson	Littleton, “
Mecklenburg,	W. T. Totten	Mathews, “
Monroe,	J. S. Dunn	Milledegeville, “
Mocksville,	J. N. Garrett	Yadkin College, “
N. Granville,	J. F. Dosier	Dabney, “
Orange.	W. F. Kennett	Mebane, “
Pee Dee,	O. P. Routh	Mt. Gilead, “
Randlem'n & Asheboro	C. A. Cecil	High Point, “
Randolph,	T. F. McCulloch	Liberty, “
Roanoke,	C. L. Whitaker	Enfield, “
Stanley,	I. I. York	Plyler, “
Surry,	W. C. Hammer	Culler, “
Spring Ch'rch	W. F. Ashburn	Pleasant Hill, “
Tabernacle,	J. E. Hartsel	Greensboro, “
Twin-City,	not supplied	
Tar River,	J. D. Williams	Castalia, “
Yadkin,	R. R. Hanner	Yadkin College, “
Winston St.	L. L. Albright	Winston, “
Winston Ct.	N. M. Modlin	Yadkin College, “

Wadesboro, ...not supplied
Mt. Hermon, ...W. F. McDowell.......Asheboro, N. C.

Without appointments by request, A. K. Scotten, W. C. Lewis.

In the hands of the President G. E. Hunt, W. P. Martin, J. B. Tarlton, J. G. Johnson.

Supernumerary: G. W. Bowman, on Liberty; S. A. Cecil, on Guilford; J. W. Heath, on Tabernacle; H. Lewallen, on Asheboro.

Superannuates: C. F. Harris, R. R. Michaux, J. L. Michaux.

Professor in Western Maryland College: S. Simpson.

President of Conference: T. T. Ferree; P. O., Asheboro, N. C.

Report was adopted as a whole by a standing vote.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. J. Ogburn.

Appendix.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the North Carolina Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church:

Dear Brethren:—The revolution of time has brought us again in annual session. We come to retrospect the past and to take action for the future, what we have done, we have done, no remedy can be offered, no change can take place, the past has flown, the present alone is ours and we should well consider its improvement. In looking over the Conference we find that all are not here, that voice which has been familiar in the annual sessions for thirty years has been silenced, and it becomes my duty, however sad, to report to this body, that on the 14th of June last, Bro. J. R. Ball passed from labor to reward. In our earthly assemblies we shall greet him no more.

Bros. J. L. Michaux, T. J. Ogburn, J. Allen Holt, and S. V. Pickens were appointed to prepare an obituary.

Greensboro church, which was left insupplied at last Conerence, remained in that condition until the first of June, when Bro. J. S. Williams was secured and commissioned as pastor thereof.

Bro J. R. Hutton was assigned to the pastorate of Liberty Circuit, to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Ball. Bro. T. J. Ogburn was released from Henderson Station in June, and Bro. T. M. Johnson commissioned as pastor for the remainder of the year. A new work was established in Surry county in May, and known as Ararat Mission and placed in charge of Bro. J. L. Giles. This is a field white unto the harvest.

Bro. E. A. Wright was granted letters of transfer to the Mississippi Conference in September.

After preliminary negotiations by letter with ex-Sheriff Falls of Cleveland county, I went to Fallston the 22nd of February and received a deed made to the Trustees of the North Carolina Conference M. P. Church, for the Fallston school property, consisting of a two acre lot, with two story brick building thirty by fifty feet. Bro. S. C. Thompson was engaged as principal, and the school was opened in September. This school properly fostered by the Conference and wisely conducted by the Trustees, will prove a very important auxiliary to the church in North Carolina, and especially so in the section in which it is located.

I was unable to take charge of the High Point church enterprise for want of an agent. until June when the service of Bro. W. R. Lowdermilk could have been procured, but owing to the financial panic then upon the country, the parties interested thought it entirely unadvisable to make an effort at that time, but I again urge upon you the great importance of said enterprise, and the necessity of action on the part of this Conference, which shall enable us to begin operations at that point just as soon as the financial condition of the country will justify.

The matter of having the Trustees of this Conferencs incorporated, which was referred to your executive at last Conference, was faithfully attended to, and with the co-operation of Prof. M. H. Holt of Oak Ridge, it was properly presented to the Legislature and enacted into law the 3rd day of March last, therefore the Trustees elected at last session is now a corporate body.

There should be some plans formulated, perhaps a committee elected for the purpose, by which the young men in the bounds of the district, who are contemplating the ministry can be more properly looked after, and brought under the fostering care of the church, and some better plans instituted for the examination of those young men in advance of their entering shool, for it would be a most unreasonable waste of money for the church to educate a young man for the ministry, who must in the end possess no qualification for the pastorate save that of a book education.

The ministerial educational fund should be increased, for we need men to replenish the drains constantly made upon this Conference, and also to meet the growing necessities of the work, and yet none should be admitted until they are properly perpared; the fund should be carefully guarded, as the management of it in the past is impeding the collections of today; for I am informed by some of the pastors, that many refuse to contribute to this fund because the amounts loaned in the past have not been faithfully collected; this evil should be remedied.

Ignorance of the *Constitution* and *Discipline* is most emphatically inexcusable in those who aspire to leadership in the church, but nevertheless such ignorance prevails to a very serious extent and it would be a wise act on the part of this Conference, to place the constitution and discipline, without delay, in the course of study, and require that a rigid examination be instituted thereon.

The theory and practice of baptism as held by some pastors in this Conference, is to the mind of your executive, most unreasonable. Some pastors have rebaptised candidates for church membership, while others have rebaptised members to keep them in the church. This, however, is a matter which should be referred for final action to the General Conference, yet this conference has the oversight of its pastors. and should take some action in reference to this practice, for it has a strong and, perhaps, a growing tendency to shake and unsettle the faith of the church.

All the fields have been visited during the year except Catawba, I failed to reach it because I did not receive the plan of appointments in time. From personal observation and reports of pastors, this has been a reasonably prosperous year, save in finances.

After having surveyed the district for four consecutive years, and having availed myself of every means by which I might become acquainted with its necessities, and might ascertain that which would tend to greater prosperity, I am, by the converging circumstances of the pressure of testimony seeking a solution, irresistibly forced to the conclusion that competent leadership is the imperative necessity, the one thing most needful for the advancement and success of the church in North Carolina.

Piety, education and consecration are important and essential elements in the ministerial make up, but a minister may possess all these to an eminent degree, and also be an acceptable pulpit orator, yet if he is wanting in the executive ability to organize his people, and through said organization prove himself competent to lead those people to higher planes of christian knowledge and usefulness, he will, by the law of necessity, very greatly discount himself, and will seriously embarrass the stationing authority of the conference, who will find it exceedingly difficult to furnish said preacher a pastoral home, for in the awards of the conference it is the church first, and the man second, which should be considered.

Organization is imperative in church work, and the work cannot be accomplished without it.

I am unable to inform you of the progress and status of the Y. P. S. C. E., but can truly say that it is in its infancy in the N. C. District, and I most devoutly hope that the meeting of the Conference Union to be held at this session, will properly awake in the conference, and through it the whole membership, the importance and necessity of making the Young People's societies an auxiliary in our church work.

The church is growing in numbers, but is increasing in influence much more rapidly than in numbers. The tendency in many sections of the work is to smaller fields of labor, with better organization and more thorough and systematic work, with greater devotion and liberality, and this is the leading and most hopeful sign of prosperity in the district.

The principles of the church are better known and more highly appreciated by the masses, and much more feared by the designing.

Our missions are inadequately supported, and a revolution should be effected in some way, there should be better pay or less work, for men should not be required to sacrifice their lives to serve an ungrateful, yet enlightened, people, but I must confess that I feel incompetent to suggest a remedy, for it is, perhaps, more than probable that some of these missions will never prosper until they are placed upon their own resources, for a parasitical tendency in pastor or people should be eliminated at once.

In reference to boundaries I scarcely know what would be best, for my views in some instances are so very far from those of the interested membership, however, I would suggest that a portion of the work of last conference be reconsidered, and that Mt. Hermon and Friendship be detached from Bellemont circuit, and they together with Rock Creek and Flint Ridge constitute a circuit, and the remainder of Alamance consisting of Concord, Bethel, Centre and Sapling Ridge constitute a circuit. This, it seems, would give much better satisfaction to the old Alamance work; then let Fairview and Maple Grove be detached from Burlington and attached to Bellemont.

I think it strictly advisable to divide Winston circuit, as it is by far too large and has the ability for two fields.

Oak Ridge and Kernersville should be detached from Flat Rock circuit, and High Point added to them and made a charge.

There are other fields which are entirely too large, but perhaps are not sufficient in strength for division. The Randolph work has suffered for years from overgrowth, but there are impediments in the way of successful change.

It might be profitable to detach Mill Grove and Tabernacle from Monroe circuit, and attach Mill Grove to Stanly circuit and Tabernacle to Mecklenburg circuit, this would undoubtedly place the work in much better shape if it does not create too great a financial drain upon Monroe.

There are other points to be considered, but I will leave them for the committee to traverse. and would suggest to the committee that the most of the testimony introduced before them will be strictly local in its nature and character.

The finance committee should be considerate and deliberate in its action, it shonld concentrate its wisdom and power to devise some means and plans by which the church members can be induced to contribute more liberally to the support of the gospel in all its local and general interest; for it is most unreasonable in this age of Christian enlightenment for the church to expect. or for a moment to be willing, for her pastors to bear the burden and make the whole sacrifice.

The church can never become pious until it becomes profitable, for that which is not profitable, is surely devoid of all other commendable qualities.

The quarterly conferences of Forsyth and Guilford circuits, refused to honor the assessment made by this conference for the executive, and then failed to honor their own assessment. The liberty which the Methodist Protestant church affords and guarantees to all her people is in some instances, and especially in Christian giving, wantonly and shamefully abused. I have made but few reports through the "Methodist Protestant during the year, first I have had but little time to devote to the "Open Letters," but over and above all other reasons, there is such a small circulation of the paper in the district, that the class sought by said communication could not be reached.

You would very greatly increase the influence and prestage of the church, could you devise some means by which the church literature can find a wider circulation among our people. The "Methodist Protestant" should have three times the number of subscribers in North Carolina which it now enjoys.

The matter of a local or conference organ should be fully settled at this session, it should either be established upon a solid basis, such as will insure its regular issue at a reasonable rate, or the veto should be fully put upon it, for the constant expectancy of that which does not appear is very discouraging and distracting to our people, and it impedes the progress of the Official Organ of the church, yet it leaves nothing to take its place. In its present condition, it is like the fable, it neither eats the hay nor suffers the ox to eat it. It is due the membership in the district, that the conference shall be fully pronounced in this matter.

I do not deem it necessary to give a retrospective view of all the fields, but leave for the pastor's report to supply the information. The work at present in some places has, perhaps, lost nothing, but it is not advancing, and should be carefully guarded in the stationing work.

It is sometimes the case that pastors are moved too soon, but it frequently occurs that they remain too long, and instead of constantly, year after year, changing the pastors under whose administration the work is at all times waining, it would be wiser and far better to locate them. I hold that the conference is under no obligation to furnish any man work, unless said man is able and competent to cause the work to prosper in his hands. It would be a wise step to elect a special committee to whom certain cases can be referred, and thereby either save the church from detriment or relieve the stationing committee from an arbitrary decision. The committee is often censured for having given certain men work, when in fact the conference should bear the whole censure for having placed such men in the hands of the committee.

There is a false modesty in the conference, for rather than hurt a man's feelings, the conference will, through him, hurt and almost, if not quite; destroy a whole circuit, and then blame the man for failing to do that which an intelligent conference should have known he did not possess the ability to accomplish.

I again call your attention to the fact that the General Conference of May 1892, offered three overtures to the Annual Conferences for adoption or rejection, these were properly brought to your attention, but were deferred at our last session, and it is more than probable that due respect to higher authority would require that action upon those overtures should be no longer postponed.

While volumes might be written upon the necessities of the work in the district, perhaps, the above will suffice for the present, for I do not wish to weary your patience, nor to point out too many defects, nor do I wish to chill your ardor or to inflame your zeal; but I do rejoice to lay down the great responsibility with which you have clothed me for the past four years, and to see it transferred to more able and competent hands, for it is not the pleasure of serving, nor of being served, but it is the prosperity, the well-being and future destiny of Zion in which we should all rejoice.

Again and finally, I return my hearty thanks to every member of this conference, and through you to the whole membership in the district, for your sympathy, confidence and co-operation, and devoutly pray the benedictions of heaven to rest upon your deliberations and labors from henceforth.

Most Respectfully, Your Brother in Christ,
W. A. BUNCH.

MINUTES OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

The Society met on the 27th day of Nov. 1893, at La Grange. Members present, J.L.Ogburn and W.W.Amick. J. L. Ogburn was appointed secretary pro tem. Letters were rec'd from W. C. Whitaker, our agent in Halifax Co., J. W. Heath and C. F. Harris asking Bro. Amick to represent them by proxy. W. C. Whitaker reported as follows: "I wish to say that I did not succeed in selling or renting our lands in Halifax county; and that the taxes on the same for the present year have not been paid. I herewith tender my resignation as agent for said land, and recommend Edward Wills as a suitable person to fill the vacancy."

The Board accepted the resignation of Bro. Whitaker and elected Bro. Wills agent for the real estate above mentioned, with power to rent or sell or dispose of in any way that he may judge to be for the best interest of the church, and to report at the next meeting of the Board, or to the chairman at any time. Bro. W. O. Donnel, Treas., was authorized to remit to Edward Wills a sufficient amount to pay the tax on said land. There was no report from the Treasurer.

J. L. OGBURN, SEC'Y.

Minutes of a meeting of the N. C. Conference Church Extension Board, Nov. 25th, 1893. Members present:

W. A. Bunch, Ch'mn, W. W. Amick, Sec'y, C. A. Pickens, T. J. Ogburn and J. H. Pegram.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount Cash in hand,		$496.57
Board ordered to pay claimants as follows:		
O. P. Routh, Pee Dee Mission,	$ 51.00	
R. R. Hanner, Yadkin,	107.54	
W. C. Lewis, Yancey,	109.00	
W. L. Harris, (back pay),	20.00	
W. A. Bunch, (premiums),	17.37	
C. A. Pickens, Burlington,	62.75	
Burlington Building Com.,	40.00	
Creswelt " "	25.00	
New London " "	25.00	
Knob Creek, " "	15.00	
To A. L. Hunter,	8.00	
Total to Claimants, etc.,		480.72
Leaving cash in hand, This Nov 25, 1893.		15.85
Paid T. J. Ogburn, Nov. 27,		2.00
Leaving cash on hand, Nov. 27,		13.75

The Committee on Boundaries beg leave to recommend:

That Randolph circuit be divided as follows: Bethel, Gray's Chapel, Shiloh and Salem constitute Randolph circuit. That Hope, Springfield, Zion, Hickory Grove, Piney Grove and Siler City constitute Chatham circuit.

That Bellemont circuit be named Mt. Herman circuit,

That Monroe circuit be divided as follows: Making Richardson Creek the line by cutting off New Salem, Peachland, Friendship, McFarland and Lilesville to be called Wadesboro circuit. That the upper end of Monroe circuit, Mt. Moriah. Tabernacle, Mill Grove, New Hope with Monroe town be called the Monroe circuit.

That Winston circuit be supplied with a married pastor and an unmarried associate.

That a mission be set off in Winston and Salem to be called the Twin City Mission.

That Bradford's and Hilliard's Chapel be taken from the Roanoke circuit and Harmony and Bradley's from Halifax circuit. These four churches with Nashville to constitute Tar

River mission, and we recommend it to the care of the board of Local Missions.

That Ararat mission be attached to Surry.

W. C. HAMMER, Ch'mn,
S. R. HARRIS,

ADDENDA.

1. Detach Milledgeville from Davidson and attach to Stanly.
2. Detach Piney from High Point and attach to Davidson.
3. Attach Yancey to Ivey.
4. That Pee Dee be considered self-supporting.

Respectfully submitted, W.C. HAMMER,
J. L. OGBURN, A. BRASSWELL, Jr.,
A. BRASSWELL, Jr J. L. OGBURN.

NOTICE!

CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION INTO THE N. C. CONFERENCE, M. P. CHURCH.

1. For admission into the Class and the Itinerancy, candidates must come recommended by a Quarterly Conference and pass a satisfactory examination in English Grammer, General History, Doctrines of the Bible and the History and the Polity of the M. P. Church.

2. COURSE OF STUDY:

First Year;	Binney's Theological Compend., Improved,	$ .50
	Broadus on Preparation and Delivery of Sermons,	1.43
	The Pastor Among His People	1.00
	Bassett's History of the M. P. Church,	1.25
	Written Sermon on "Repentance."	
Second Year;	Ralston's Elements of Divinty,	$2.63
	Watson's Institute, 3rd and 4th parts,	2.68
	Blackburn's Church History, to the Reformation,	1.60
	Hart's Rhetoric,	1.20
	Written sermon on "Justification by Faith."	
Third Year;	Watson's Institute, 1st and 2nd parts,	
	Blackburn's Church History, concluded,	
	Hopkin's Law of Love, etc.,	$1.27
	Jeroon's Logic,	.35
	Bulter's Analogy,	1.25
	Written sermon on "Apostasy."	

3. The Sermons must be original every way and contain about 2000 words; and in the secretary's hands four weeks prior to Conference. Candidates may be examined on one or more years at a time as they choose. The secretary will order books on receipt of money for the same.

Summerfield, N. C. T. J. OGBURN, Sec'y Ex. Board.

I wish to say that I did not have all of my material when the contract was made, and we have now gone beyond the forty pages contracted for. I leave out the Act of Incorporation because I have no money for additional pages.

L. L. ALBRIGHT, Pub. Com.

North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

Statistical Report for the Year 1893.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Stationed Ministers.	Unstatin'd Ministers	Preachers Stationed.	Preachers Unstatn'd	Members.	Received on Probat'n	Probations on List	Received into full Membership	Died	Removed	Withdrawn	Dis'continued	Increase	Decrease	Conversions	Churches	Value of Church Property	Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Church Papers	Sunday S. Papers	Sunday Schools	Officers	Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library
Alamance	I	...	..	1	628	4	1	14	3	8	2	.....	1	...	22	6	$5,000.00	...	.....	16	.....	5	5	18	230	.....
Albemarle	...	...	1	...	183	1	6	2	2	2	...	1	.....	3	3	2	1,000.00	...	.....	16	.....	2	4	7	50	.....
Ararat	I	...	...	...	23	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	..	.....	23	...	40	.....	50.00	...	.....	.....	.....	2	2	8	75	.....
Asheboro	I	2	1	1	486	20	20	59	.....	6	6	5	33	...	115	7	3,500.00	...	.....	9	.....	7	18	28	347	.....
Bellemont	I	1	1	1	596	45	11	45	2	3	9	11	20	...	55	3	4,200.00	...	.....	15	.....	4	8	20	250	.....
Buncombe	I	...	2	2	324	.....	.....	2	2	.....	...	.....	2	...	7	6	4,425 00	1	500	.....	.....	3	5	12	175	.....
Burlington	I	...	...	1	257	.....	.....	62	1	3	...	.....	58	...	62	3	2.094.58	...	.....	6	462	4	8	25	402	.....
Caldwell	...	...	1	...	119	.....	.....	13	1	2	3	20	.....	13	13	5	800.00	...	.....	.....	.....	3	3	6	50	.....
Cleveland	I	1	...	2	664	60	10	50	5	10	...	17	18	..	74	5	2,700 00	...	.....	13	.....	4	4	20	320	... .
Cedar Falls	...	...	1	...	633	28	15	15	4	1	...	14	24	...	54	5	2,800.00	...	.....	17	.....	6	12	12	370	.....
Davidson	...	...	...	3	475	3	7	39	2	2	1	.....	35	...	62	7	3,000.00	...	.....	7	125	5	15	19	270	.....
Flat Rock	I	I	...	3	581	.....	.....	28	6	1	1	5	15	...	15	7	7,150.00	...	.....	35	75	5	10	21	240	.....
Forsyth	I	I	...	2	396	.....	52	38	5	5	3	2	23	...	68	7	3,800.00	...	.....	6	23	5	13	12	260	77
Granville	I	I	...	...	436	.....	.....	9	3	3	2	.....	1	...	19	4	3,500.00	1	1000	13	.....	3	9	10	100	.....
Greensboro	...	...	1	..	71	7	7	9	.....	1	...	.....	8	...	17	1	6,000.00	...	40	7	105	1	3	7	79	40
Greensville	...	...	...	1	251	1	1	39	1	1	...	47	.....	8	93	5	2,000.00	...	.....	6	.....	5	10	20	190	.....
Guilford	I	I	1	...	468	.....	.....	4	6	3	...	12	.....	17	40	8	3,700 00	...	.....	2	10	7	12	26	300	50
Halifax	I	...	...	...	361	1	2	14	5	3	...	2	5	..	22	7	3,000.00	1	300	26	152	8	18	30	247	166
Haw River	...	...	...	1	476	.....	.....	40	2	7	2	3	26	...	36	6	4,300.00	...	.....	14	230	5	5	21	288	.....
Ivey	I	...	...	...	388	.....	.....	15	4	1	...	5	.....	1	40	5	2,000.00	1	500	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
La Grange	I	...	1	1	211	.....	.....	2	4	5	...	.....	.....	2	5	4½	4,500.00	...	.....	12	221	4	11	17	175	250
Littleton	I	...	...	2	339	3	3	2	1	1	...	.....	11	...	15	4	2.650.00	...	.....	6	20	4	12	14	275	8
Lincolnton	I	I	...	1	659	81	81	93	3	3	...	19	71	...	98	5	5.525.00	1	400	7	71	5	5	14	290	9
Liberty	...	I	...	1	282	.....	.....	30	1	1	1	.....	27	...	45	3	2,500.00	...	.....	1	.....	3	7	14	300	135
Mecklenburg	I	...	...	...	279	29	73	23	6	11	3	16	.....	13	25	3	1.625.00	1	500	10	40	4	8	11	140	160
Monroe	I	I	...	2	268	65	3	65	2	6	1	1	55	...	50	7	1,200.00	...	.....	4	.....	6	6	14	180	.....
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Orange	I	...	...	1	619	.....	.....	48	4	7	...	1	36	...	64	5	2,800.40	...	.....	45	225	5	12	22	270	.....
Pee Dee	...	...	...	..	281	1	4	30	4	2	4	3	17	...	69	4	1,200.00	...	.....	5	250	2	7	12	107	.....
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Randolph	I	I	1	...	644	.....	6	24	6	3	1	6	8	...	51	9	5 125.00	..	.....	10	325	7	21	28	326	75
Roanoke	...	I	...	...	409	.....	.....	7	5	2	5	4	.....	9	5	7	6,000.00	1	500	23	248	8	15	3	299	.....
Stanley	I	I	...	1	374	1	1	31	4	.....	...	5	22	...	30	5	3,000.00	1	700	3	.....	4	12	20	150	.....
Surry	I	2	1	1	441	.....	3	59	4	1	...	12	42	...	79	5	2,550.00	1	250	19	120	5	16	15	150	50
Tabernacle	2	...	...	...	444	.....	.....	24	8	4	...	.....	12	..	26	3	4,600.00	...	.....	15	.....	3	11	15	283	168
Yadkin	I	..	...	1	153	.....	4	9	2	3	...	15	.....	11	22	3	1,500.00	...	.....	2	.....	4	5	11	195	.....
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North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

Conference Steward's Report for the Year 1893.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Pastor's Claims	Pastor Received	Deficit	President's Claim	President Received.	Paid to Previous Pastor.	Foreign Missions	W. F. M. Society	Children's Day Coll.	Home Missions	Local Missions	Church Extension	Ministerial Education.	Colleges	Superannuated	Building and Repairing Churches.	Building and Repairing Parsonages.	Theological Seminary.	For all other Purposes.	Total Amount Received.
Alamance	350.00	304 67	45.33	40.00	36.55	3.25	12.03		8.31	9.50	12.39		4 55		2 45			80	25 00	418 70
Albemarle	225.00	206.00	19.00	12.00	8.25	2.00	1.40		12.00	11.50	1.65	1.40	4 00		1 25	283 00			29 00	562 25
Asheboro	350.00	341.73	8.27	30.00	24.00		15.40		14.32	7.85	14.20	2.00	3 00	2 00	2 00		130 00		42 12	628 62
Bellemont	400 00	412.53		35.00	31.76	7.00	15.00		61.25	2.71	23.46	.75	91	2 51	1 00	30 00			78 85	637 73
Buncombe	350.00	269.00	81.00	30.00	30.53	35.00		3.00		1.20					25 00					353 73
Burlington	260.00	237.75	22.25	15.00	15.00				6.30	9.52	7.65									1 572 71
Caldwell		65.71		10.00	1.00	1.50	3.00									1 296 49				71 21
Catawba	155 00	117.04	37.96	15.00	5.06	1.75	14.98			1.00										353 62
Cleveland	365 00	406.41		30.00	30.75		15.00		16.79	14.56	14.61	1.00	1 00	25	4 00	198 79			145 00	949 37
Cedar Falls	400.ho	373 00	27.00	30.00	21.66		3.00	.50	11 74	2.00	12.00	2.00	3 00	50	2 21	300 00			30 00	461 61
Davidson	400.00	335.95	64.05	40.00	23.78	10.50	20.27			4.09					3 75				15 00	404 56
Flat Rock	500.00	430.89	69.11	40.00	31.00				48.91	3.00	6.41	1.50	1 25	1 00	2 96	15 00				526 92
Forsyth	286.00	253.20	32.80	30.00	21.77		3.82			1.37	1.03	1.27	97	88	1 02	65 30		87	12 80	364 30
Granville	500.00	347.40	152.60	30.00	30.02		3.10		37 50	5.50	6.00	3.00	3 14		3 57		22 50	2 57		464 30
Greensboro	300.00	300.60			2.00		5.00	2.70	12.98	4.00	4.00	2.00	2 00	2 00	1 00	354 60	50 00		176 78	919 06
Greensville	210.00	218.30		20.00	20.00		3.00		13.03	2.18	4.00		6 63	5 00	3 03	34 00			5 50	314 67
Guilford	300.00	250.00	50.00	30.00	14.10	6 00	12.42		10.00	6 92	3.55	4 50	1 00		4 65				2 00	315 14
Halifax	400.00	327.92	72.08	35.00	27.10	8.47	20.76		28.56	37.14	19.67	5.00	9 65	2 25	3 90			2 96	53 05	546 43
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Littleton	300.00	172.94	127.06	20.00	12.47	8.00	2.00	.25	7.75	2.00		.35	1 50	50	1 00	7 75				204 01
Liberty	400.00	275.13	124.87	30.00	26.96		2.55		20.15	1.96				53	95					398 23
Lincoln	335.00	364.50		30.00	30.00		21.35		30.00	10.06	6.69	1.00	1 45	67	3 00	724 00	127 00		46 75	1 366 47
Mecklenburg	300.00	180.00	120.00	30.00	13.70	25.33	8.35			1.30	2 80	1.20	1 45	75	2 65	127 41	5 20		25 00	381 44
Mocksville	300.00	253.81	46.91	20.00	14.00		7.00		20.00	2.50	4.00	1.00	55	75	70				15 00	319 31
Monroe	225.00	200 00	25.00	15 00	9.34		1.50				1.00				10 00	7 15				228 99
N. Granville	480.00	315.52	164.48	30 00	30.00		4.28		10.40	3.19	4.29									397 68
Orange	500 00	500 00		35.00	35 50		31.19		26.21	10.26	26.25	7.55	4 40	2 80	7 60				56 15	707 91
Pee Dee	122.50	123.94		10.00	10.00		9 00		4.33	3.50	4.00	1.00	1 33	1 00	1 56	225 00			35 00	419 66
Randleman & Asheboro	500 00	441.89	58.11	20.00	22.00	1.00	5.50		20.00	9.60	8.00	2.50	2 05	1 02	4 35				75 00	592 91
Randolph	356.00	311.92	44.08	30.00	30.00	19.00	10.59		27.85	9.22	6.60	1.20	5 44		2 25				25 00	440 07
Roanoke	460.00	421.67	38 33	35 00	25.81	26.95	4.44		27 46	6 41	12.28		6 61	1 26	10 68				20 00	563 60
Spr'ng Ch'rch	135 00	138.50		10.00	10.00		3 50		11.02	.75	.65		1 00			10 00			3 00	178 42
Stanley	345.00	257.00	88.00	20.00	20.00		6.00		16.00	9 76	3.00	2.50	26	30	1 20	1 00	53 00			370 02
Surry	330.00	226.40	103.60	20.00	20.00	20.00	10.91			1.15	3.08	25.00			80 00		17 00			403 54
Tabernacle	450.00	488.18		30 00	30.00		9.40		37.00	17.90	15 09	2.72	3 83	1 15	2 60			1 75		609 62
Yadkin	160.00	141.46	17.54	10.00	8.50		1.50			1.50	4.50	1.00	1 00		1 00				7 00	168 46
Yancey	40.00	66.00			1.65										16 00	20 00				102 65
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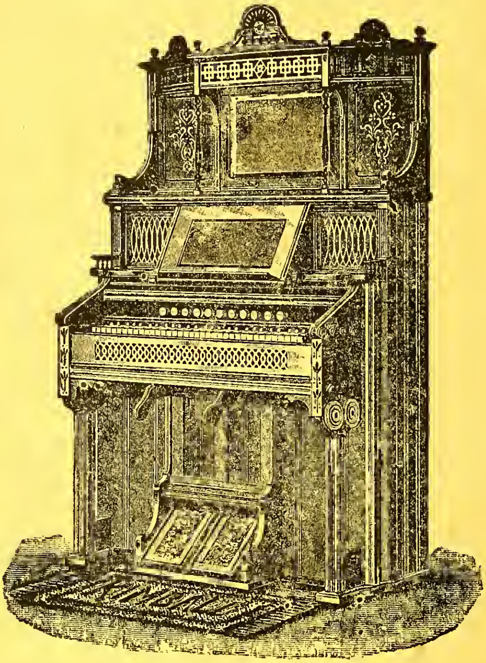

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First Day.

NOVEMBER 21ST, 1894.

The sixty-ninth session of the North Corolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in Asheboro, Randolph county, N. C., November 21st, 1894.

The Conference was called to order by Rev. T. T. Ferree, president, who opened it by reading St. John xvii, singing 406 in Tribute of Praise and prayer, singing 631, and prayer by Rev. J. S. Williams, singing 88, and prayer by Rev. C. F. Harris.

The Conference roll was called.

The President appointed as committee on Credentials Rev. W. L. Harris and Bro. W. A. Lindsay.

The bar of conference was fixed to include four seats in the centre and eight in the west side of the church.

A motion to postpone the reading of the President's report until the second day of the session was made. The motion was lost, and the President read his report, which is as follows:

To the North Carolina Annual Conference Methodist Protestant Church:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Another year has passed and we are in Annual Session. We come to deplore the mistakes of the past and ask for divine guidance for the future. The hand of God has guided us through the trials and conflicts of the year; and as pastors and brethren of the same household of faith, we come to-day to rejoice over the success which has so signally attended our labors during the year. God has been merciful to us, and so far as I know, death has not invaded our itinerant ranks. Our workmen are all at their posts, and awaiting orders to enter upon the responsibilities, trials and conflicts of another year; and if, for no other reason, we should join our voices in singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Immediately after the adjournment of last Conference, I assigned Bro. J. B. Tarlton to the pastoral oversight of Wadesboro circuit, and judging from the good degree of success that has attended his efforts during the year, he must have been faithful in the discharge of both his pastoral and ministerial duties.

Yancey mission was detached from Ivey circuit, and Rev. W. P. Martin was assigned to the pastoral care thereof, and considering the unfavorable circumstances under which Bro. Martin has labored, it is due him to say he has done the best he could. In the early part of the year Dr. J. G. Johnson called for a letter, his request was granted. Rev. J. R. Savage was released from the pastoral care of Buncombe circuit the first of May, and was also granted a letter of his standing in the Conference.

Rev. H. L. Powell was assigned to the pastorate of Albemarle circuit immediately after the adjournment of last Conference, and he at once entered upon his duties with that zeal and determination which should always characterize the true minister of the gospel. The work under the pastoral care of Bro. Powell has made considerable advance, and if the work is wisely supplied in the future, I see no reason why this field should not be one of our very best circuits. We have some of the very best material on this work, and considering the isolated relation it sustains to other fields should, if possible, have an ordained minister for its pastor. The Ordinances of the Church should be looked after on this field more closely in the future, or our cause will suffer here.

Rev. J. R. Betts, a local elder of the M. E. Church, South, connected himself with our Church, and was subsequently assigned to the pastorate of Buncombe circuit in the early part of May, and since taking charge of the work a splendid parsonage has gone up in the town of Weaverville, costing at least seven or eight hundred dollars. The house has some seven rooms, and I think as many fire-places. The building is nearly complete, and adds much to Buncombe circuit. Twin City Mission, for the want of a suitable young man, has not been regularly supplied during the year. Bro. Albright has looked after our interests the best he could considering the great amount of work he has had to do in his own charge. This mission should, if possible, be supplied at this Conference with a live, energetic young man. In the early part of the year Rev. J. L. Johnson, a minister of the Friend's Church, connected himself with the Methodist Protestant Church on Surry circuit, and the Quarterly Conference on said circuit received him on the same standing he sustained in the church from whence he came; his true status is rather a peculiar one, the Friends make some kind of a distinction in their Church between a minister and a preacher. I am fully of the opinion that this Conference had better decide upon his true status, as he is placed in rather embarrassing circumstances. Bro. Johnson is a strong man, and while he is not educated, he is full of the Holy Ghost, and thoroughly consecrated to his life work. Bro. W. C. Hammer has been working with Bro. Johnson during the year, and through their efforts a work of great promise to us has been commenced in the unoccupied territory south of the Surry circuit. In last month I laid off a mission field to be known as Westfield mission. and Rev. J. L. Johnson was assigned to the pastoral oversight thereof. I heartily commend this work to the Board of Church Extension.

I wish to call attention to our educational interests. The school at Fallston is doing well under Prof. Thompson. I do not know the exact number of pupils in school, but in the neighberhood of one hundred. Bro. Thompson deserves the patronage of our people, especially in that section. Yadkin College—the prosperity of this school has been seriously crippled. The action of last Conference authorizing the Board of Trustees of said institution to dispose of the property and satisfy the claims against the property has not been satisfactory, and at one time a fearful disruption came near being the result in the section in which the college is located, but through the wise and deliberate management of some of our level headed brethren the thing was prevented. The Conference held at Randleman in 1892 authorized the Board of Trustees of Yadkin College to mortgage the property and finish the building. An effort was made by the Board of Trustees to do so, but failed; then seven brethren, four of whom being members of our Church, and the remaining three members of the M. E. Church, South, said they would borrow the money, and take a mortgage on the college for our protection, which they did, and the building was completed.

What they did was done in good faith; they do not want the property for the debt, the building can't be utilized for any other purpose. The principle and interest will amount to about fourteen hundred dollars, and I am almost confident that the gentlemen holding the claim against the property can and will give liberally toward the liquidation of the debt, and thereby bring the amount of indebtedness within easy reach of the church. Again my brethern, can the church afford after having laid down six thousand dollars at Yadkin College to throw that amount of money away? The church is unwilling to do this, I know whereof I speak; would it not be a matter of the strictest economy to us to pay the debt, and save the property to the church? I trust this matter will receive due consideration at our hands, for I am of the decided opinion that plans for the future, looking to the establishment of a college elsewhere would be seriously crippled by the present status of things at Yadkin College.

Permit me to call attention to our church papers. The Methodist Protestant edited by Rev. Dr. Fagg, continues to improve, and when and where the mission of that paper will end, I am unable to say. I have noticed one undeniable fact in my travels during the year, that wherever the Methodist Protestant is used, its readers are refined in their manners and feelings; intelligent and enthusiastic along all lines of church work, and liberal in their contributions toward all charitable and benevolent causes of the church. Our Church Record published weekly in Greensboro by Rev. J.F. McCulloch, a neat and a very valuable paper, bids fair to succeed most nobly. It meets a long felt want in our Conference work, and with the warm, earnest co-operation of the pastors of this Conference, I bespeak for it a large circulation among our people in North Carolina. Our people throughout the district want a local church paper, and we will find but little trouble in getting our brethren to subscribe for it. Let us help the paper and it will help us, and use our best efforts to put it into every Methodist Protestant home in North Carolina, and thereby help the church.

I wish to emphasize the Mission work of our Conference in the North Carolina district. There are many open doors to us, calls are coming from various points asking for a more thorough acquaintance with our church, and her government. Evidently the centers of population are the most inviting fields for missionary efforts, and would be attended with more satisfactory results than could possibly be expected from the rural districts. For the want of both men and money it would be impossible for us to enter all the places where we might succeed with proper effort; but I wish to call attention to the towns of Plymouth and Asheville, the too great extremes of our district. In Plymouth I learn there is already some money subscribed toward building a church. In both of the above named towns we have some good members, and they should be cared for.

If the Board of Church Extension could have a sufficiency of means to build small chapels in such places as Asheville and Plymouth to be used for prayer services, and Sunday School purposes, the result of such missionary efforts would soon be highly satisfactory to both the board and church in the district. We need more money to take up the points of interest and promise to us, but how to realize the money is a great question. What method or plan can be devised by which we can put more money into our treasury? I would like to request that the Board of Church Extension propose a suitable service to be held in the interest of our local missionary work within our own conference district; and that some suitable month be designated for the service to be held in as many of the churches as possible, and that the collections from said service be used for the purpose of building up our cause in North Carolina. While I call special attention to our local missionary interests, I would not have any brother to slacken his efforts to raise all the money he possibly can for all the general interests of the church.

It affords me no little degree of pleasure to note the satisfactory progress of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor; this is a very happy feature of church work, having for one of its leading objects the growth and development of the young people of the church, and will thereby bring them in full sympathy with all lines of earnest church work. I indulge the hope that the conference will grant all time necessary for the Endeavor Rally which is to take place during this session of conference.

I wish to speak briefly of the finances of the church. How to develope her people, and to make them more responsive to the various interests of the church, are questions of vital importance to us as our growth and development depend upon them. To preach on the finances of the church from the pulpit seems to be quite helpful to some, while on others the effect does not seem to be so happy; I rather think our people could be helped more in their homes on giving their means to the support of the Gospel in a more private way; let the pastor when he makes his pastoral visits make it a point to instruct his people on the duty of giving their means to help carry on the Lord's cause in the world. I believe this plan might be worked well among our people.

There a is growing desire over the district to have smaller fields and more preaching, and evidently this is a step in the right direction. Many of our circuits are too ponderous and unwieldly, and can never be developed in their present condition; and as our experience in dividing fields in the past, has been very satisfactory to us, I would recommend the free use of the Ecclesiastical knife at this session of conference. After having studied the necessities of the district, and taking in the situation of things, would make the following recommendations to this session of conference:

1. That Pensacola church be detached from Yancey mission and attached to Ivey circuit, and that Yancey mission be discontinued.

2. That Yadkin mission be converted into a circuit, and that the work, if possible, be supplied with a live, energetic young man. This arrangement, I believe, would insure success and meet with the hearty approval of our people on the work. Yadkinville has been taken unto the plan of appointments, and one young man has promised to give us one hundred dollars toward building a Methodist Protestant church in the town.

3. That the Winston circuit be divided. That Shiloh, Friendship, Gravel Hill and Yadkin College constitute a field to be known as the College circuit. That Bethesda, Fairview, Mt. Pleasant, Union Grove, Union Ridge and Mt. Carmel

constitute the Winston circuit. It is due our brethren on Winston circuit to state that they have divided their circuit just as I recommend.

4. That Greensville circuit and Spring Church station constitute seperate fields, and that each charge be supplied with a pastor another year.

5. Burlington and Gibsonville, I believe, should constitute the Burlington mission. There is work enough in the two towns for any one man, and for us to succeed as we should, these two churches should have more preaching. In my opinion our work could be better arranged in that part of the district if our people could only see the propriety of smaller charges, and would contribute to the, support of the gospel ministry more liberally. Alamance, Mt. Hermon and Burlington could make three nice fields sufficiently able to take charge of a minister, and still have Burlington and Gibsonville to constitute the Burlington mission. I throw out this hint to the committee on boundaries, and will let them take the matter in prayerful consideration.

6. That High Point and Lexington constitute a mission field. These two towns are near neighbors, and in railroad connection with each other. A small society has already been organized in Lexington by Rev. N. M. Modlin, and as we have some good material in the town, wise and well directed efforts should be put forth toward building a house of worship at no distant day. I believe a handsome house of worship can be built here the coming year.

7. That Mitchell's Grove be detached from High Point circuit and attached to Guilford circuit, and that the name of High Point be changed to Mt. Zion circuit. I believe the people on the circuit would prefer to have the name changed, and I only offer Mt. Zion in order to get the matter before the conference. The people on High Point circuit have been greatly blessed during the year, and it would be proper to say that they are enjoying a high degree of spirituality, and it is to be hoped that they have been more responsive to the interests of the church than any former year.

I wish in conclusion to call attention to the work done during the year, and briefly notice our outlook for the future. I have visited each field of labor in the district, and preached in all the churches except eight or ten. I have held about twenty quarterly conferences, and preached over 225 times. I have had the warm, earnest co-operation of all the pastors during the year, and while I have made it a special point to look after their interests, they have not failed to look closely after mine. I shall always recognize the debt of gratitude I owe each pastor in the conference for acts of kindness shown me during the past year.

The present condition of our cause, with a few exceptions, has never been better than now. I think I can truthfully say that our church has taken on new life from Albemarle to Buncombe. The pastors of the North Carolina conference have never been more alive to the various interests of the church and more thoroughly consecrated to their life work than during the past year. The spirit of enterprise can be seen in many parts of the district. Some good churches have been built during the year. A neat and comfortable church edifice has been built and dedicated on Mecklenburg circuit. A handsome house of worship has been built and ready for dedication on Ivey circuit. New Salem, an appointment on Randleman and Asheboro charge has a splendid house about ready for dedication. There is quite a number in course of erection through the district, while many have undergone extensive repairs. Some of our charges have caught the parsonage fever, and it is doing them up about right. Buncombe congratulates herself on having nearly completed one of the best parsonages in the district. Forsyth has one in course of erection, and will be ready for occupancy by the first of next year. Cleveland expects to put her preacher in a new parsonage by the first of the coming year. The parsonages on Halifax and Granville circuits have undergone some repairs during the year. It is a source of gratification to the members of this conference, and to our people throughout the district, that splendid church edifices are being built in the growing towns of High Point and Burlington, and when fully completed our success in these towns will no longer be a question of conjecture, but a fixture. I heartily commend these two enterprises to the fostering care of the conference.

Finally, my brethren, permit me to say that we are not only in sight of the promised land, but we have actually entered, and are beginning to possess the fruits thereof. Let us be armour bearers, and lift high our banner of mutial rights, and prove ourselves worthy of the noble church our fathers have left us. May the hand of God guide us in all our deliberations is the earnest prayer of your humble and obedient servant,
T. T. FEREE, M. D.

The president's character was passed, and his report was referred to the committee on president's report.

The president announced the following conference committees:

FACULTY—T. J. Ogburn, W. A. Bunch, W. C. Kennett, T. F. McCulloch, W. E. Swain, W. F. Kennett, J. F. Dosier, J. H. Stowe.

MISSIONS—W. C. Hammer. Geo. F. Milloway, J. E. Burroughs, J. F. Kennett, Bery Davidson.

COLLEGES—J. F. McCulloch, D. A. Highfill, W. A. Lindsay, J. L. Ogburn, J. A. W. Thompson.

Boundaries—J. E. Hartsell, W. F. McDowell, R. L. Cox, J. H. Harrison, W. L. Spoon.

Literature—W. E. Swain, J. R. Betts, Dr. M. F. Fox.

Finance—W. C. Kennett, W. P. Pickett, Arch Braswell.

Temperance—W. F. Ashburn, W. M. Pike, J. H. Pegram, H. J. Butler.

Sunday Schools—T. M. Johnson,J. H. Moton, J. F. Bowers, Geo. S. Kernodle.

Pastoral Work—T. J. Ogburn, E. A. Plyler, G. V. Pickens.

Fraternal Relations—W. A. Lineberry, N. M. Modlin, A. E. Carter.

Ordinances—W. F. Kennett, W. W. Amick, Jacob Hartsell.

Correspondence—C. A. Pickens, Joe. S. Dunn, Thompson Siler.

President's Report—W. A. Bunch, J. N. Garrett, W C. Gibson.

Statistics—C. L. Whitaker, Dr. Frank Harris.

Unfinished Business—T. F. McCulloch, C. L. Wray.

Pulpit Service—C. A. Cecil, R. R. Ross, W. C. Hammer, Jr.

Christian Endeavor—J. S. Williams, J. G. W. Holloway, J. Norman Wills.

Conference Steward—J. F. Dosier.

The hours of conference sessions were fixed as follows: convene at 9 : 30, adjourns at 12 : 30 convene at 2 o'clock, and adjourn at pleasure.

The standing district committee was appointed as follows: Revs. W. W. Amick, Jeremiah Hunter, J. L. Michaux and Bros. W. O. Donnell, O. R. Cox and John Snotherly.

It was voted that the next annual conference meet on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in November.

Rev. Parker Holmes, pastor of the M. E. Church, Asheboro, was introduced to the conference. Rev. J. R. Betts was introduced to the conference.

Voted that a committee on ministerial character be appointed. Appointed as follows: Revs. J. L. Michaux, W. W. Amick, D. A. Highfill, and Bros. J. H. Pegram and Wm. N. Brown.

Revs. T. J. Kendall and W. H. Forde were introduced to the conference.

Revs. J. N. Garrett, W. C. Hammer and Bro. W. A. Lindsay were appointed a committee to audit the Ministerial Educational fund.

Voted that no beneficiary be excused from complying with the requirements of the board in returning funds, unless excused by the conference after making statement of his case.

The committee on Credentials reported the following delegates:

A. G. Boggs,	High Point.
R. L. Cox,	Forsyth.
H. J. Butler,	Greenville.
W. B. Crews,	Spring Church.
W. L. Spoon,	Liberty.
Thompson Siler,	Randolph.
J. F Kennett,	Randleman and Asheboro.
W. A. Lindsay,	Winston Ct.
F. S. Harris,	Henderson.
A. E. Carter,	Littleton.
M. F. Fox,	Tabernacle.
John W. Doub,	Yadkin Mission.
Wm. R. Smith,	Asheboro.
J. H. Pegram,	Winston Station.
J. S. Pender,	Orange.
Geo. S. Reynolds,	Pee Dee.
W. C. Gibson,	Davidson.

By motion, conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in the chair.

Following resolution adopted by a standing vote:

WHEREAS, the citizens of the town of Asheboro have greatly contributed toward the erection and completion of the Methodist Protestant church of this place, this annual conference, by a standing vote, doth unanimously return thanks and gratitude for their generous liberality. JOE S. DUNN,
C. F. HARRIS.

The president appointed brethren to receive monies as follows:

Foreign Missions—J W. Doub.
Home Missions—O. P. Routh.
Local Missions—Joe S. Dunn.
Colleges—C. E. M. Raper.
Superannuate Fund—W. A. Lindsay.
Ministerial Education—W. C. Lassiter.
Theological Seminary—R. R. Hanner.
Publishing Minutes—W. F. McDowell.

By motion the election of officers was postponed until four o'clock.

The president appointed Rev. W. C. Hammer and Bros. W. A. Lindsay and J. H. Pegram to investigate the property in

Iredell county which belongs to the M. P. Church.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a roll of the dead and living of the conference, and to report the same as early as possible. The president appointed Revs. D. A. Highfill, J. L. Michaux and J. Norman Wills.

Bros. Ferree and Dunn delivered messages and requests from Bro. W. C. Lewis, who is at the point of death. Prayer was offered for him, led by Bro. T. J. Ogburn. By motion Rev. T. J. Ogburn was instructed to write Bro. Lewis on behalf of the conference.

Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., editor of the "Methodist Protestant," was introduced to the conference.

Conference voted that we begin the examination of ministerial character.

Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates present:

J. M. Stone,	Mt. Hermon.
A. J. Luck,	Cedar Falls.
J. M. Lindley,	Alamance.
Wm. N. Brown,	Surry.
A. A. Sain,	Lincoln.
Vance Pickens,	Buncombe.
J. F. Spencer,	Catawba.
R. D. Hix,	Cleveland.
M. V. Barnhill,	Tar River.
J. N. Wills,	Greensboro.
George Kernodle,	Haw River.
J. H. Harrison,	Halifax.
C. L. Gray,	Guilford.

Conference excused Bro. C. L. Whitaker from paying ten per cent of his salary this year on his debt to the board of Ministerial Education.

The hour of election having arrived, the conference proceeded to elect its officers. Rev. T. T. Ferree was re-elected president, Rev. L. L. Albright, secretary, and Bro. W. L. Spoon, assistant secretary.

The committee on Ordinances submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES:

Your committee on Ordinances would make the following report:

We believe the Ordinance of Baptism, while not essential to salvation, is of divine institution, and that all adults coming into the church, and not previously baptized, should be required to receive this ordinance. As to infant baptism, it has been said with some evidence of truth, that this practice is on the decrease among Methodists. If this be true, it should be remedied, for we believe infant baptism to be of great importance, and that it is both a duty and a privilege for parents thus to consecrate their children unto God and the church. Your committee has been informed that a very able Bible student, a leading minister in his church and a man of long and varied observation, gave it as his belief, that he could select from a number of penitents at an alter, those who had been baptized in infancy, on account of their seeking more earnestly and being more forward in obtaining salvation. Whether he was correct in his supposition or not, we believe, it to be the duty of all parents to have their children baptized in infancy, and if the covenant vow is kept, that the children will, at least, generally be led to Christ. "The promise is unto you and your children." To this end we believe it would be well for our pastors to present this duty more frequently to their congregations and occasionally, if necessary, preach directly on this subject

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper we believe to be a very great means of grace, when properly observed, and we regret that so many of our members fail to commune when the opportunity is offered. We are of the opinion that many are deterred by a misconception of the meaning of some passages of Scripture bearing upon this subject, i. e., those passages setting forth the danger of eating and drinking unworthily, etc. A little explanation just here, and also on what is implied in being in love and charity with our neighbors, we think, might increase the number of communicants. As to the frequency of its administration, we would recommend the Disciplinary requirement when practicable.

W. F. KENNETT,
W. W. AMICK.

Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY—November 22nd.

Conferences was called to order by the president. Bro. C. A. Pickens conducted devotional exercises. The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Conference excused Rev. N. M. Modlin from paying the full amount due the Board of Ministerial Education at this Conference.

The committee on Credentials reported the following additional delegates :

J. H. Snotherly, Stanley.	J. L. Ogburn, Flat Rock.

Invitations for the next Annual Conference were received from Mt. Hermon on the Mt. Hermon circuit, Grace church, of Greensboro, and Best's Chapel, on Lincoln circuit.

By a large majority it was decided to hold the next Conference at Grace church, in Greensboro.

Committee on Pastoral Work submitted their report.

Bro. T. J. Ogburn made a short address on the report, and the Conference voted that he prepare the same for publication in the "Methodist Protestant" and "Our Church Record." The report of the committee on Pastoral Work was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL WORK.

The undersigned committee would respectfully submit the following report on pastoral work:

That is, the preacher's work outside the pulpit, but necessary to the most successful preaching, and, indeed, itself a kind of preaching. Preaching is official; pastoring is personal. The preacher talks; the pastor walks. The preacher is the prophet; preaching the voice of the prophet. The pastor is the living man back of the prophet, the preacher-man. Preaching is the voice of God TO the people; pastoring is the voice of God AMONG the people. Jesus, as preacher, sat on the Mount and taught the people *that came to him*; as pastor, he came down from the Mount to the people; and, going about doing good, he lived the truth among them. Truth is "spoken in the ear, in the closet;" the preacher "declares it on the house-top;" the pastor "teaches it from house to house." Inspiration is the electric current charging the soul connected by prayer with the spiritual battery; preaching is lighting the public halls, pastoring is shining in the quiet homes. The preacher is in touch with God; the pastor-preacher is in touch with God and men. Happy is the preacher and happy the pastor, but most blessed is the pastor-preacher who is faithful in both departments of ministerial work. Unfaithfulness here merits the terrible indictment of the prophet, Ezek. 33. "Woe be to the shepherds of Israel. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have sought that which was lost. My sheep wandered through all the mountains and upon every high hill; yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did seek after them. Therefore, I am against the shepherds, saith the Lord, and I will require my flock at their hand." The preacher feeds the gathered flock; the pastor seeks the lost one and, finding it, brings it home rejoicing. No minister's work is complete if this shepherding work be omitted;

and zeal in each department of his work will inspire zeal in the other. Pastoral visiting insures contact with the people, this inspires a living, loving, tender sympathy with them which greatly aids in preaching to them, and tends to make that preaching more effective. The preacher preaches best to those he personally loves, and the loving hearer is the best hearer. For these reasons, and others, your committee would urge upon our pastors all possible diligence in pastoral work, so that "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may receive a crown of Glory which fadeth not away."

T. J. OGBURN,
E. A. PLYLER.

A motion was made that the president be made the Stationing committee.

The hour of the day having arrived, Conference adjourned to hear the Annual Sermon by Rev. C. L. Whitaker.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The motion regarding the Stationing committee not being disposed of, discussion of the same was resumed. It was finally decided in the affirmative.

Bro. B. Davidson was reported as delegate from Burlington.

The committee on President's Report submitted the following:

Your committee on President's Report would report as follows:

1st. That the reference on page four to the Twin City Mission be referred to the Stationing committee.

2nd. That the part referring to Rev. J. L. Johnson be referred to a special committee.

3rd. That the reference to Westfield mission be referred to both the Boundary committee and the Board of Church Extension.

4th. That the references to our Colleges and Schools be referred to the committee on Colleges.

5th. That the part referring to our papers be referred to the committee on Literature.

6th. That the reference to Mission Work be referred to the committee on Missions.

7th. That the part referring to Christian Endeavor work be referred to the committee on Christian Endeavor.

8th. That the reference to the finances be referred to the committee on Finance.

9th. That the recommendations on boundaries be referred to the committee on Boundaries.

10th. We recommend the adoption of all not herein referred to.

W. A. BUNCH,
J. N. GARRETT,
W. C. GIBSON.

Rev. T. E. Coulbourn was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. J. D. Williams was released from paying any thing on his debt to the Board of Ministerial Education this year.

Conference by vote proceeded to the examination of ministerial character, and the following were passed :
W. C. Lassiter, T. J. Ogburn, C. A. Pickens, G. F. Milloway, C. E. M. Raper, W. M. Pike, J. S. Williams, W. C. Kennett, W. T. Totten, W.C. Hammer, W. A. Bunch, E. A. Plyler, H. S. B. Thompson, T. M. Johnson, N. M. Modlin, R. R. Hanner, C. L. Whitaker, W. F. Kennett, D. A. Highfill, J. H. Moton, A. W. Lineberry, J. E. Hartsell, W. L. Harris, J. H. Stowe, O. P. Routh, J. F. Dosier, W. F. McDowell, J. R. Hutton, J. G. W. Holloway, I. I. York, L. L. Albright, W. W. Amick, T. F. McCulloch, W. F. Ashburn.

J. A. W. Thompson was announced as delegate from Chatham.

By motion, Brother W. P. Pickett, of High Point, was asked to represent the High Point Church enterprise, as delegate.

It was announced that Rev. W. C. Lewis had departed this life. A motion was carried that a Committee be appointed to prepare an obituary.

Conference voted to hold a memorial service at night, Nov. 22nd, after the sermon.

Obituary Committee : J. S. Dunn, J. H. Moton, J. F. Bowers, E. A. Plyler and W. T. Totten.

Conference adjourned to meet to-night immediately after the sermon by Rev. T. J. Ogburn. Prayer by Brother Hammer.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the President and opened with prayer by Brother J. H. Moton.

Brother J. S. Dunn read the following obituary on the life of Rev. W. C. Lewis :

Rev. William Columbus Lewis, was born in McDowell county, N. C., July 30th, 1864 and died November 20th, 1894, aged 30 years, 3 months and 20 days. He was converted at Beam's Creek, in Buncombe county, N. C., under the pastorate of Rev. S. W. Coe. and feeling his call to the ministry he immediately entered college at Weaverville, N. C., where he obtained a fair education. Under the pastorate of Rev. W. F.

Kennett, he was licensed to preach in 1887 and preached his first sermon at the old Reams Creek church, from 1st John, 4th chapter, and part of the 16th verse "God is love." He joined the Conference at Mt. Zion in 1889, and was assigned to Albemarle circuit, from thence he was assigned to Spring church, after this he was sent to Monroe circuit, and thence to Yancey mission. After which on November 20th, 1994, at 3 P. M. he was called to his Heavenly Home, where the Tree of Life is Blooming. His last message was, "Tell my brethren farewell." "For Heaven seems sweeter now to me than ever it did before." His ordination to that of Elder took place at our last annual Conference held in 1893 at La Grange, N. C.

JOE S DUNN,
J. H. MOTON,
J. F. BOWERS,
E. A. PLYLER,
W. T. TOTTON,
Committee.

Appropriate and touching remarks were made by Bros. J. S. Dunn, W. F. Kennett, W. T. Totten, T. T. Ferree, W. C. Hammer, W. A. Bunch, J. H. Moton and T. J. Ogburn.

The choir rendered "The Saint's Home" and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. C. Hammer.

THIRD DAY—November 23rd.

Conference was called to order promptly at 9 : 30 o'clock by the prssident. Bro. I. I. York conducted devotional exercises. The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Bro. J. N. Wills was appointed chairman of the committee on Literature, instead of Rev. W. E. Swain, absent.

President appointed as special committee to take in hand the case of J. L. Johnson : W. C. Hammer, A. W. Lineberry and W. A. Lindsay.

The special committee on property in Iredell county reported as follows :

REPORT ON PROPERTY IN IREDELL COUNTY.

Your committee to whom was referred certain papers relative to certain property on Mocksville circuit in Iredell county beg leave to report as follows :

After having examined all the papers we are of the opinion, from the evidence before us that the legal title to the property in Friendship church is properly in the Trustees of the Methodist Protestant church ; but owing to complications and personal feelings that are better known and appreciated by our church in the immediate section: We, therefore, recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Quarterly Conference of the Mocksville circuit to take such action in the premises as they may think best. That the secretary of this Conference furnish a copy of this resolution together with all papers now in our possession to the pastor assigned to that work the ensuing year. Respectfully Submitted,

W. C. HAMMER,
W. A. LINDSAY,
J. H. PEGRAM.

By vote a committee was appointed before whom F. A. Sides should appear. Committee: W. C. Kennett, R. R. Hanner, J. L. Ogburn.

J. F. Bowers was reported as delegate from Mecklenburg.

By motion the names of Revs. A. K. Scotten, J. R. Savage and J. G. Johnson were stricken from the Conference roll.

The characters of the following passed: J. N. Garrett, C. A. Cecil, J. B. Tarlton, H. L. Powell, W. P. Martin, J. R. Betts, D. A. Fishell. J. F. McCulloch, J. W. Heath, R. R. Michaux, G. W. Bowman, C. F. Harris, J. L. Michaux, S. A. Cecil.

Conference voted to hear at this time Dr. F. T. Tagg in the interest of the "Methodist Protestant."

It was voted to change the order of the day so as to allow the Board of Local Missions to hold their session just after the sermon to be preached at eleven o'clock by Rev. T. M. Johnson.

Voted that a night session be held at 7 P. M.

Conference adjourned till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

W. T. Tucker was reported as delegate from Wadesboro.

The committee on Sunday Schools submitted their report, which was slightly changed and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It has been stated—and the statement accepted as true by the evangelical denominations in convention assembled for the good of Sunday Schools—that 85 per cent of church members and 98 per cent of the ministers came through the Sunday School. This statement is a stronger recommendation than anything your committee can say, that every church have a Sunday School, if possible, and organize Mission Sunday Schools where practicable. By reference to the statistical report of a year ago, we find that Buncombe, Caldwell, Ivey, North Granville and Pee Dee each have fewer Sunday Schools by two than churches. This ought not so to be. Your committee commend Burlington, Cedar Falls, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Randleman and Asheboro, Roanoke, Yadkin and Winston station for having more Sunday Schools than churches. We recommend that all Sunday Schools train in systematic giving, that they hold Children's Day Services, that they use our own literature, that where practicable they unite with township, county and State Sunday School associations. To teachers we recommend that Bibles be used in classes in connection with the quarterly, encouraging the pupils to turn and read references as well as the lesson from their Bibles. We advise against union Sunday Schools, and as a compromise the use of non-denominationa lliterature or aid literature at all. We suggust that two classes of Sunday Schools be reported, those running all the year and those running only part of the year, using two columns instead of one in the Conference statistical report. We reccommend "Our Morning Guide" as a paper to interest and instruct the young. Your committee respectfully suggest that the editor of our Sunday School literature devote a small space to catechetical teaching of the doctrine of our own church, and if proper, the polity of our church.

T. M. JOHNSON,
J. H. MOTON,
G. S. KERNODLE,
J. F. BOWERS.

Special committee on the case of J. L. Johnsnn reported. The report was slightly amended and adopted as follows :

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the President's report in regard to J. L. Johnson beg leave to report as follows :

We find that he came before the Quarterly Conference of Surry circuit for admission into the Methodist Protestant Church, with a certificate which certified that he was a minister in good standing in the Friend's Church, belonging to Westfield Quarterly Meeting, and was received by the Quarterly Conference in accordance with the law of Discipline, page 64, section 7, which reads as follows : "The Quarterly Conference, in conjunction with the pastor, shall have authority to receive ministers and preachers from other denominations on satisfactory testimonials." Your commiteee feel that they cannot go behind his certificate. Therefore we recommend that he be recognized as a preacher of the Gospel in the Methodist Protestant Church.

A. W. LINEBERRY,
W. C. HAMMER,
W. A. LINDSAY,

J. L. Johnson was voted to orders by the Conference.

F. S. Blair, of the Friend's Church, was introduced to the Conference and heard upon the subject of "Peace and Arbitration."

It was voted that a committee be appointed to draft the sentiments of the Conference on the subject.

Revs. W. S. Long and J. W. Wollens, of the Christian Church were introduced to the Conference. The hour for hearing these brethren was set for Saturday immediately after reports were heard.

Rev. J. L. Michaux was made chairman of the committee on Fraternal Relations.

A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, asking the loan of Rev. T. M. Johnson as a missionary in the the Empire of Japan, was received.

The request was referred to a special committee.

Eleven o'clock Saturday was selected as the hour to hear Brother Coulbourn on Foreign Mission.

Three o'clock Saturday was selected for hearing the report of the committee on Literature.

President appointed as committee to whom the request of the Board of Foreign Missions should be referred : Revs. T. J. Ogburn, W. A. Bunch and Brother J. Norman Wills.

Conference voted that Dr. J. M. Hadley be allowed to represent La Grange as delegate in this Conference.

It was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock to-morrow to hear the report of the committee on Colleges.

By vote, the Conference appointed Revs. J. L. Michaux and C. A. Pickens to furnish Dr. Drinkhouse information concerning the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina to aid him in writing a History of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Conference voted to request Hon. G. S. Bradshaw to furnish the Methodist Protestant a copy of his address of welcome.

High Point church enterprise was made the order of the day for 7 : 30 o'clock to-night.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Brother Hammer.

NIGHT SESSION.

President in the chair.

Discussion of a motion to pay Bro. J. L. Michaux $100.00 was resumed. It was by motion laid on the table.

A recommendation from the Superannuated Fund Society was adopted. The recommendation follows the minutes of the Society. (See Appendix.)

The hour of the day having arrived, the High Point church enterprise was before the Conference.

Rev. W. A. Bunch made a financial statement on behalf of the church in course of erection. The report showed $1,293.25 subscribed and $783 50 paid. In subscriptions and cash, three hundred and fifty dollars and fifteen cents were raised for the High Point church.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Dr. Tagg.

FOURTH DAY—November 24th.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional exercises by Bro. J. F. McCulloch.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Letters were read from Revs. G. E Hunt and G. W. Bowman and referred to the committee on Stationing preachers.

The President appointed as committee on Peace and Arbi tration, T. J. Ogburn, J. F. McCulloch and J. N. Wills.

The special committee on the case of Rev. F. A. Sides reported as follows :

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your special committee to confer with Bro. F. A. Sides in reference to complaints against his business integrity at the last Annual Conference, having examined into the difficulties in the matter as best we could, beg to make the following report : By the action of the last Annual Conference Brother Sides, having promised to pay all his debts, the passage of his character was suspended until this Conference. We find that he has not paid his debts, and that there are still complainst against him. Therefore we recommend the continued suspension of his character until the Conference is satisfied that he is doing all he can to meet his financial obligations.

W. C. KENNETT,
J. L. OGBURN,
R. R. HANNER.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch asked to present some temperance papers from the Secretary of the N. C. Temperance Union to the Conference. They were referred to the committee on Temperance.

Rev. J. S. Williams read the report of the committee on Christian Endeavor. Report was adopted, and is as follows :

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR COMMITTEE.

We believe the Christian Endeavor Society to be adapted to all Evangelical denominations and especially to our own. The success of Societies where they have been organized proves their necessity where they do not now exist.

The Endeavor Society takes the place of the class meeting where the latter has become extinct, and gives it greater life where it does exist. It distributes the work of prayer meetings, quickens and wonderfully increases their interest as well as their benefits.

We recognize that the rural charges need different plans of work from those of the towns and cities, and that the needs of no two communities are alike in every way. But we are sure that the work of the Society may be varied to suit the most extreme conditions. We urge the importance of discretion in choosing a leader for each Society.

We recommend that "Our Young People," the organ of the Methodist Protestant Union, be read by every Christian Endeavor worker in the district, and that at least one copy of the "Golden Rule," the general organ of the Christian Endeavor in the United States, be in every Society.

We recommend further that each Society be assessed 50 cents to defray the expenses of correspondence and literature incurred to the officers of our Union during the coming year, and that this be remitted to the Treasurer by March 1, 1895.

Further that an opportunity be presented to the Societies, for each member to pledge two cents a week for Missionary purposes and that the money thus collected be under the control of our Conference Union.

We note with delight the large increase in the numbers of Societies within our borders the past year, and we feel that the success of the movement with us depends not so much upon a larger number of societies, as upon the spirtual and practical developement of those already organized.

In view of the fact that the pastors have the care of nurturing the interests of the Church, we urge that they acquaint themselves thorougly with Christian Endeavor aims and methods, that they may effectively direct the efforts of their societies along the lines of intelligent and aggressive activity. We appreciate the encouraging reference to the Christian Endeavor work in the President's report, and we recommend

that this Conference give all the time necessary to the Christian Endeavor Rally.
Respectfully submitted,
J. S. WILLIAMS
J. NORMAN WILLS,
J. G. W. HOLLOWAY.

The report of the committee on Temperance was submitted and recommitted.

The President appointed as committee to receive and disburse the money collected for Superanuates: T. F. McCulloch, I. I. York and W. A. Lindsay.

The committee on Missions reported and the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions would submit their report on this the greatest subject of this or any other age. Jesus Christ was truly a missionary, and those who are baptized with His Spirit partake of the nature and spirit of "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." In order to carry out this command of the Lord it is the duty of every member of the church to go somewhere to carry the Good News to the perishing. If we cannot go in person we should go in our money.

It is with gratitude to Almighty God that we note this Annual Conference has been blessed more abundantly since she has become more missionary. As we try to bless others God blesses us. This is according to Devine promise, "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thy increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Let our zeal be so intensified that we comprehend the meaning of, "Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come that they may lay hold on eternal life."

We would call attention to our three distinct fields of Mission work:

As to Foreign work, we have a Mission Annual Conference in Japan, our own Rev. A. R. Morgan being its president. This should draw us nearer to them and arouse us to a united effort to do all we can to bring that progressive people to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are pleased to have with us Rev. T. E. Coulbourn, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. We bespeak for him hearty co-operation and hope his visit may stir us up to our duty. We would insist upon all of our pastors holding Children's Day in all of their churches.

Home Mission is a matter in which we feel a deep interest. We rejoice to know that the efforts of Secretary Stout are being crowned with success in establishing churches in some most important places. We recommend that all pastors strive to increase the amount of collection for this cause.

Local Missions demand our attention as never before. Never were there such opportunities to unfurl the banner of Mutual Rights as now. In view of the great demand for a much larger aprropriation for this work, we recommend the adoption of that part of the President's report recommending a suitable service to be observed in the interests of our Local Work. We would suggest that it be held in the month of August.

We recommend that each pastor preach one or more sermons on the subject of Missions and that he pray for and talk to his people about missions. Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HAMMER,
G. F. MILLOWAY.

The committee on Boundaries made a report which was laid upon the table. The President announced it to be the hour of the day to hear fraternal messengers from the Christian Church of North Carolina and Virginia. Remarks were made by Revs. Long and Wollens of the Christian Church, and responded to by Rev. T. J. Ogburn on behalf of the Conference. It was voted that we appoint two fraternal messengers to the next session of the Christian church.

Rev. J. L. Michaux, chairman of the committee on Fraternal Relations, submitted a report, which was laid on the table for the present, owing to the fact that the hour for Bro. Coulbourn's address had arrived.

Bro. T. E. Coulbourn made a warm appeal in behalf of Missions.

The committee to whom the request of the Board of Foreign Missions was referred reported, and the report after prayer and discussion was deferred.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of the day was announced to be the hearing of the report of the committee on Colleges.

The hour of the day was waived until immediately after the report of the committee on Literature.

The Secretary was made publishing committee.

The report of the committee on Boundaries was recommitted.

The character of Rev. W. E. Swain was passed.

The report of the committee on the request of the Board of Foreign Missions was taken from the table and passed, and is as follows :

Your committee to which has been referred the application of the Board of Missions that Bro. T. M. Johnson be loaned them for services in Japan would report ; That we fully appreciate the importance of the work in that foreign field, and think that our best efforts and men should be freely devoted to this work, nevertheless, the demands of our work at present are so great, the place filled by Bro. Johnson so important, and the claim of the Henderson charge upon his services so emphatic that we do not consider that, in justice to our work and all concerned, we can recommend that the loan be made.

T. J. OGBURN,
W. A. BUNCH,
J. N. WILLS.

The Committee on Literature reported. The report was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Your committee on Literature would report :

Too much attention cannot be given to the circulation of our Church papers and of good literature. Upon this depends to a great extent the enlightenment of our membership, their education along lines of Church beneficence and enterprise, and their spiritual and intellectual developement. The pastor finds in the Church papers his most effective ally. Truly has it been said that while the pastor's visits to the homes of his people must of necessity be comparatively few and irregular, the Church paper visits them weekly, supplementing his pulpit and pastoral efforts, as well as opening up new fields for Christian thought and activity.

Church papers exist, not for the benefit of editors and publishers, but for the good of the Church. When they are patronized and read they increase the intelligence, loyalty, generosity, and spiritual life of the people. They introduce a healthful literature into the family, counteracting the desire for vicious publications and their degrading effects.

We recognize the "Methodist Protestant" as the connexional organ naturally adapted to our State. It stands for the cause of temperance reform and the abolition of the liquor traffic by constitutional prohibition ; for the mutual rights of the ministry and laity, for the development of our church life in all the Conferences, and for the faith of the Church as Methodism has taught it from the beginning. It is conducted with marked ability, maintaining a high literary standard, and being deeply spiritual in tone. The editor has frequently demonstrated his desire to conduct a paper of the character that shall be most helpful to the people ; and in order that this end may be attained he invites and should have the most hearty support of our people.

The "Methodist Recorder" is also a General Conference organ, representing more especially the interests of the North and West. When practicable, we think this should also be in the homes of our people, but its claims should be secondary to those of the "Methodist Protestant."

We would rejoice to see the day when the Union of the two General Conference organs, and the consolidation of our publishing interests would be considered feasible, thus concentrating the energies the of the Church, and bringing the people of every locality in touch with the entire field.

We hail with joy the advent of "Our Church Record," the publication of which was recently commenced by Rev. J. F. McCulloch at Greensboro. It supplies a long felt want, it having been fully demonstrated that a local organ was indispensable to the proper developement of our Church in this State. We recommend its formal adoption as the local organ of our Church in this State, this Conference assuming no financial responsibility in connection therewith, but standing pledged to do all in its power to establish and extend its cirlation, and to contribute to its success in every possible way.

We would not forget "Our Young People," the organ of our Christian Endeavor Societies ; our Sunday School literature, which should be in every Sunday School of our Church, and the various publications of our book concerns, the Discipline, Church Listing, etc., which should have wide circulation among our people.

Our Church organs claim :—

1. Our patronage. We urge that our pastors present the interests of our papers from the pulpit, to the individual membership, and from house to house. An earnest, united and unceasing effort should be made to establish and maintain such a circulation that the permanence of "Our Church Record" will be assured, and its efforts will be unhampered. But we insist that the claims of the "Methodist Protestant" shall not be ignored, the difference in the character of the fields occupied kept in mind, and the necessity of having both publications kept before the people.

2. They claim our aid, in supplying news items. We not only recommead that the pastors be in frequent communication, but that they appoint reporters from every charge, to report semi-monthly to the "Record." And that the corresponding secretaries of the Christian Endeavor Societies report frequently to "Our Young People" : and to the General and State organs.

We would suggest a Conference Committee, whose duty it shall be to acquaint themselves with books suitable for Sunday School Libraries, and to be prepared to recommend them to those desiring such information.

Respectfully submitted,
J. NORMAN WILLS,
J. R. BETTS,
M. F. FOX,
W. E SWAIN.

Moved and seconded that Monday, 10 o'clock, be set apart to hear Bro. J. F. McCulloch. Carried.

Bro. R. L. Pickens was introduced to the Conference.

Motion prevailed to hear Bro. Pickens respecting Yadkin College debt.

Report on Colleges was read.

It was voted that Bro. Pickens and Bro. Holmes be given all the time they might want to discuss the Yadkin College indebtedness.

Report on Colleges amended and adopted as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES.

We recognize with pleasure the educational work done by Western Maryland College and Adrian College in the interest of our people, and that to be done by Kansas City University. We feel, however, that these interests are too remote, geographically, to command the patronage of the majority of our people in North Carolina ; but in view of the co-operative union with the Christian church in North Carolina, we recommend that no action looking to the establishment of an institution of college grade be taken at present.

A report from Fallston Institute indicates that that school is doing good work, and that as a preparatory school it is worthy of commendation to our people. We believe that the trustees of each of our educational institutions in North Carolina should make annual reports to this Conference.

We are convinced that Prof. Holmes has exhibited commendable loyalty to our people in his perseverance at Yadkin College, in the face of all the discouraging circumstances, and we deeply regret the unfortunate situation in which our institution at that place now appears to be.

We are informed that the trustees have not succeeded in disposing of the property as directed by last Conference.

We recommend that opportunity be given, for expressions before this body, from men who have become sureties for the debt upon the institution.

J. F. McCULLOCH,
W. A. LINDSAY,
D. A. HIGHFILL,
J. A. W. THOMPSON,
J. L. OGBURN.

Conference adjourned to meet after Christian Endeavor Rally to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

The President announced as the order of the day the hearing of the fraternal messengers from the Christian Church, and resolutions on Fraternal Relations

The report of the committee on Fraternal Relations was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

This Annual Conference has been favored with the presence of Rev. James W. Wollons and Rev. Dr. Wm. S. Long both of the Christian Church, as accredited fraternal messengers to this body. One of your committee had a very pleasant and brotherly correspondence with the brethren named, which eventuated in his attendance as a voluntary messenger upon the late session of the N. C. Christian Conference during its sitting at Bethlehem Church, Alamance county. That informal visit, with the truly kind and generous Christian spirit which was called out on the occasion, resulted in the appointment of Bros. Wollons and Long as fraternal messengers to your body.

It is with unfeigned pleasure on the part of your committee and with devout gratitude to our gracious Lord and Master, that we respond to the fraternal message which we have heard from the beloved brethren present; and we trust that we do not err in the belief that our divine Lord hereby intends to open the way for a still closer relation than has heretofore existed between the Christian denomination and ourselves. Indeed, we feel that the time is at hand which calls for an honest, earnest effort on our part to consummate a union with the Christian body named, and that, could such union be effected on terms fair and equal, it would mark an epoch in our history as a church, enlarge our sphere of usefulness, gladden both earth and heaven, and bring praise and glory to our God and Redeemer. And this we say, while we yet do not underestimate the difficulties which must lie in the way of the desired consummation. But where is our faith, if it shall stagger at such obstacles as may confront us here? If there were chasms in the way we might span them; if mountains, we might tunnel them: but here there are no chasms, nor heights, nor depths, and faith laughs at impossibilities, and love defies lock-smiths. Grant us leave to present, as a part of this report, a paper enacted by the Christian Conference aforesaid, and on the basis of which our fraternal messengers come to greet us:

PAPER ON CHURCH UNION,

Bethlehem, Nov. 21st, 1894.

Whereas the desire for Christian union is seen and felt by the Church of God as never before since the reformation, this desire being indicated by the proceedings of various religious bodies in their conferences, conventions and other convocations, as well as missionaries, both domestic and foreign; and,

Whereas, the Scriptures teach and enjoin the oneness of God's people, and our Divine Lord prayed for the unity of His followers and for the perpetuity of the same, and whereas, from time to time the subject of union has been considered by the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference and the Methodist Protestant Conference of North Carolina, through commissioners duly appointed by these bodies, and in other ways, and whereas, there appears to be at this time a renewed and stronger desire for a consummation of a union between the bodies aforementioned; therefore

Resolved, That we appoint five commissioners to meet a like number appointed by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of North Carolina, now in session in Asheboro, North Carolina, who shall be charged with the duty of meeting said commisssioners of the Methodist Protestant Church, at some place to be agreed upon by the commissioners of the two bodies themselves, and if practicable, arranging terms of co-operation or organic union, and report their action to their respective bodies—the commissioners of this body to the Executive Committee of the same.

Resolved, That in the event said commissioners should agree to form either a co-operative or an organic union, then it should be the duty of the Executive Committee of this Conference to present the matter as soon as they can to the local churches for ratification.

Resolved, That we invite the Eastern and the Western Christian Conferences of this State to join us in this effort to unify the bodies aforementioned.

W. S. LONG.

In pursuance of the above paper,

1 Resolved, That the sentiments thus expressed challenge our acceptance and endorsement and that we heartily reciprocate them.

2 Resolved, That this Annual Conference accede to the proposition, and that the President at his leisure appoint five commissioners to represent the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church on the question of union, whether organic or co-operative.

3 Resolved, That while these negotiations are pending the President of the Conference and the pastors in their regular

work should use their best endeavors to promote the end contemplated in this report. Respectfully Submitted,

J. L. MICHAUX,
A. W. LINEBERRY.
N. M. MODLIN,
A. E. CARTER,

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, of the Board of Examination, made their report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF EXAMINING BOARD.

1. Bro. Ashburn was required to study Logic and Butler and to prepare a sermon on Apostasy. The board agreed to wait on him until next Conference. He has not yet been examined on Moral Science.

2. Bro. Modlin had been required to pass on Logic and Butler and to prepare a sermon on Apostasy. He passed on Logic and had a good sermon. Will be examined on Butler at next Conference, as also will Bros. Johnson and Williams.

3. J D. Williams passed a good examination on Ralston, Rhetoric and Watson, and is passed to the 3rd year.

4. O. P. Routh passed well on Ralston, Rhetoric and Watson and submitted a good sermon.

5. C. E. M. Raper passed on Bassett, Ralston and Watson and submitted a good sermon.

6. H. S. B. Thompson passed on Ralston, Rhetoric and Watson and presented a carefully prepared sermon.

7. J. R. Hutton passed on Watson and Butler, studies of the 3rd year, but is yet to be examined on Bassett, Rhetoric, Logic and Moral Science. He prepared no sermon.

8. J. R. Walton is upon Binney and Broadus, and is recommended to the President's employ, if needed, during this year.

9. H. L. Powell has passed on Binney, but is to review "The Pastor Amidst his Flock," and Broadus, and he prepared no sermon. In view of his youthful age and mental promise we recommend that he enter College and graduate.

10. W. C. Lassiter passed on Rhetoric, Watson and Butler and had a good sermon, but is to review Logic.

11. W D. Fogleman submitted a good sermon on Repentance, but declined an examination. He is continued in the class of 2nd year, and is recommended to the President if he shall need him.

12. Bro. L. S. Mixon was admitted to the class of the first year.

13. Bro. Forde was before us for an admission into the Conference, but although pleased with the man generally, we yet, on account of his age and our full Conference, decline to recommend him.

14. Bro. A. L. Hunter is admitted to the class of the 2nd year and recommended to the Stationing authority.

15. Bro. W. W. Russell, recommended by the Stanley circuit, applies for the position of Assistant Pastor or Supernumerary on some field. We recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Conference.

16. Bro. J. R. Betts and J. B. Tarleton, who have served faithfully under the President's appointment the past year. are recommended to him for employment in case of necessity.

17. Fr·. Robt. Davis, from the Surry circuit, recommended for the itinerancy, is received into the class of the 1st year.

19. The Board will not hereafter recommend any member for ordination until he shall have studied all the books of the course, save in the case of Theological Seminary graduates, or of other peculiar, justifying circumtances. And it is our earnest hope that quite a number of well-prepared men can be recommended at our next session.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. A. BUNCH,
T. J. OGBURN.

Revs. C. A. Cecil, A. W. Lineberry and Bro. J. L. Ogburn were re-elected trustees of the Conference.

Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—November 26.

Conference called to order by the Presideut. Devotional exercises by Rev. W. L. Harris.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Conference voted to reconsider the report of the committee on the case of F. A. Sides. The character of Rev. F. A. Sides was passed with caution by the President.

By vote of the Conference it was decided that all societies in the district reporting deficit in pastor's srlary be published in the minutes of the Conference.

It was announced as the hour of the day for hearing Rev. J. F. McCulloch.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn in the chair.

The committee on Boundaries re submitted their report. The report was considered item by item and the following adopted as the report of the committee on Boundaries.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

Your committee on Boundaries beg to make the following report:

1. We advise the division of Orange circuit. That Ridge,

Hebron and Union Grove remain and constitute Orange circuit; that Salem and Orange Chapel together with Concord, detached from Alamance circuit, and Saxapahaw form a new circuit to be known as the Saxapahaw circuit.

2. We advise detaching Shiloh, Friendship, Yadkin College and Gravel Hill from Winston circuit, creating Yadkin College circuit; that Mt Pleasant, Bethesda Fair View, Union Grove, Union Ridge and Mt. Carmel remain Winston circuit.

3. We advise that Level Cross be detached from Cedar Falls circuit and attached to Randolph circuit; that Bethany be detached from Cedar Falls circuit and attached to Randleman; that Asheboro be detached from Randleman and Asheboro circuit and attached to Cedar Falls circuit, and assume the name of Asheboro and Cedar Falls circuit. By this arrangement Asheboro and Cedar Falls circuit shall comprise the following: Asheboro, Cedar Falls, Giles' Chapel and Davis' Chapel; and Rrndleman circuit the following:, Randleman, Salem, Worthville, and Bethany.

4. We advise that Yadkin mission be constituted Yadkin circuit.

5. We advise that Gibsonville and Fair View be detached from Burlington mission, and Gibsonville mission be created therefrom; that Burlington and Maple Grove constitute Burlington mission.

6. That Harmony and Hilliard's Chapel be detached from Tar River mission and together with Spaights and Whitakers, detached from Roanoke, constitute Tar River circuit; that Bradby's and Bradford's be detached from Tar River mission and attached to Roanoke circuit.

7. We advise that Yancey mission be discontinued and Pensacola attached to Ivey circuit.

8. We advise that the unoccupied territory north of Surry be set off as a mission and known as the Westfield mission.

9. We advise that High Point and Lexington be set off and known as High Point and Lexington mission.

10. We advise that Asheboro circuit be made Flag Springs circuit.

11. We advise that Walker's Grove be attached to Davidson circuit.

12. We advise that High Point circuit be changed to Uwharrie circuit.

J. E. HARTSELL,
J. H. HARRISON,
R. L. COX,
W. F. McDOWELL,
Wm. L. SPOON,
Committee.

It was voted that the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions be requested to relinquish the claim of the Board of Home Missions against the Asheboro church, as it was the understanding of many of the donors that it was to be a gift to the Ashboro church, and not to the Board of Home Missions.

The committee to disburse collections for superannuates reported as follows:

C. F. Harris	$31 59
R. R. Michaux	34 35
Miss Mattie Albright	17 50
Mrs. Jas. Deans, Sr.	22 50
Mrs. A. J. Loflin	12 27

Bro. W. A. Lindsay was instructed to pay the above funds to the claimants.

The Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund was instructed to pay to C. F. Harris $16.40, as recommended by the committee.

The President submitted his financial report, which was adopted. See Steward's report.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Voted that Bro. M. F. Phillips be recognized as delegate from Yadkin College circuit.

The minutes of the North Carolina Missionary Society were read and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Arbitration and Peace reported as follows:

Whereas, This conference has been addressed by Prof. F. S. Blair, of the Society of Friends, in the interest of Peace and Arbitration, therefore,

Resolved, That as the disciples of Him who was and is the Prince of Peace, we heartily concur in these anti-warlike sentiments, and will on all suitable occasions bear witness of the same.

T. J. OGBURN,
W. A. BUNCH,
J. N. WILLS,
Committee.

It was made the hour of the day to hear Bro. U. S. Fleming at 3 o'clock.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted. The report was recommitted.

J. W. Frank was recommended to the Examining Committee of the Board of Ministerial Education.

The report of the Committee on Colleges was reconsidered.

R. T. Pickens, Esq., was permitted to make explanation of the Yadkin College indebtedness.

The following substitution for previous resolution regarding Yadkin College was adopted and following resolution passed:

Whereas, The sureties for the debts held against Yadkin College make the proposition to this conference that they will remain as such guarantees, if the church will assume the debt, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this annual conference endorse the action of the Trustees of Yadkin College in their legitimate efforts to complete the college under authority of this conference, granted at its session of 1891, and

Resolved, That this conference, as the representative and legislative body of the Methodist Protestant church in North Carolina, assumes the mortgage debts now held against that institution, and directs the Treasurer of the college to pay such money as he may have on hand upon these debts so as best to protect the property and do justice to all parties concerned.

Resolved, That each pastor be requested to solicit subscriptions on his work, no subscription to be less than $5.00, to liquidate the debt on Yadkin College, and that each also be requested at some time that seems favorable to take a collection for the above named purpose.

W. A. LINDSAY.
A. W. LINEBERRY.
R. R. HANNER.

The Chair announced the hour of the day to be the hearing of U. S. Fleming, publishing agent, of Pittsburg.

The Board of Examination made the following report:

Second partial report of the Examining Board.

1. We reccommend Bro. W. H. Ford to the President for his employ, if he shall have need of him.

2. Since the first partial report was made Bro. Swain has examined and passed on Blackburn.

W. C. LASITER. J. R. HUTTON. O. P. ROUTH.
J. D. WILLIAMS. H. S. B. THOMPSON.

Bro. W. A. Davies was made delegate from Saxapahaw and Bro. B. M. Cates from Burlington.

Rev. J. N. Garrett reported for the Auditing Committee of the Ministerial Education Fund. The report was adopted as follows:

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

1. The following are the accounts of each beneficiary of this conference:

(1)		REV. W. E. SWAIN,	DR.	CR.
1882.	Dec. 6.	To cash,	$30.60	
1883.	Feb. 24.	“ “	15.00	
1883.	May 14.	“ “	6.30	
1883.	Dec. 15.	“ “	25.00	
1894.	Nov. 24.	By “		10.00
1894.	Nov. 27.	Amount still due,		$66.90

(2)		REV. C. L. WHITAKER,	DR.	CR.
1885.	Feb. 19.	To cash,	$50.00	
1885.	Aug. 18.	“ “	45.00	
1386.	Nov. 26.	“ “	32.11	
1893.	Nov. 27.	By “		45.00
1894.	Nov. 26.	“ “		10.00
1894.	Nov. 26.	Amount still due,		$72.11

(3)		REV. N. M. MODLIN,	DR.	CR.
1889	Jan. 31.	To cash,	$50.00	
1889.	Sep. 6.	“ “	35.00	
1889.	Oct. 29.	“ “	15.00	
		“ “	15.00	
1893.	Nov. 27.	By “		15.00
1894.	Nov. 22.	“ “		10.00
1894.	Nov. 26.	Amount still due,		$90.00

(4)		REV. J. S. WILLIAMS,	DR.	CR.
1889.	Nov. 22.	To cash,	$75.00	
1890.	Dec. 16.	“ “	65.00	
1891.	Dec.	“ “	55.00	
1892.	Dec. 18.	“ “	62.00	
1893.	Feb. 13.	“ “	10.00	
1893.	Nov. 27.	By “		30.00
1894.	Nov. 24.	“ “		50.00
1894.	Nov. 26.	Amount still due,		$187.50

(5)		REV. W. F. ASHBURN,	DR.	CR.
1890,	Mar. 4.	To cash,	$50 00	
1890,	Sep. 17.	“ “	50 00	
1891,	Jan. 8.	“ “	50 00	
1891,	Sep. 12.	“ “	50 00	
1893,	Nov. 27.	By “		35 68
1894,	Nov. 22.	“ “		35 00
1894.	Nov. 26.	Amount still due,		$129 32

(6)		REV. J. D. WILLLIAMS.	DR.	CR.
1890,	Sep. 17.	To cash,	$50 00	
1891,	Jan. 27.	“ “	45 00	
1891,	Sep. 12.	“ “	50 00	
1892,	Apr. 23.	“ “	45 00	
1894,	Nov. 26.	Amount still due,		$190 00

(7)		REV. H. S. B. THOMPSON,	DR.	CR.
1892,	May 7.	To cash,	$30 00	
1892,	Dec. 3.	“ “	35 00	
1894,	Nov. 22.	By “		25 00
1894,	Nov. 26.	Amount still due,		$40 00

(8)		REV. W. O. DAVIS,	DR.	CR.
1892,	Nov. 18.	To cash,	$35 00	
1893,	Dec.	“ “	51 00	
1894,	Nov. 26.	Amount still due,		$86 00

		REV. J. R. WALTON;	DR.	CR.
1894,	Feb.	To cash,	$20 00	
1894,	Apr.	“ “	25 00	
1894,	Mar. 26.	Amount still due,		$45 00

		REV. J. M. SIMPSON,	DR.	CR.
1894,	Sep.	To cash,	$40 00	
1894,	Nov. 26.	Amount still due,		$40 00

2. It will be seen by a careful examination of their accounts that Bros. W. F. Ashburn, J. S. Williams and H.S.B. Thompson, who have been engaged in the active work, have adhered strictly to their obligations to pay back their tithe.

3. Your committee is satisfied, for the welfare of the church and the good of beneficiaries, that each one should be required to give his note, bearing 6 per cent. interest, for all the amounts due at each annual conference, and that in the future before anyone is excused from paying his 10 per cent. he shall state before the conference what he has received during the past year, and that no one's character shall pass unless he does comply strictly with the law (See Dis., p 97 and 8,Art. V), and all the requirements of this conference bearing on the subject.

We find the following brethren have received aid but have not been engaged in active work: Revs. W. O. Davis, J. R. Walton and J. M. Simpson.

Respectfully submitted,
J. N. GARRETT, Chairman.
W. C. HAMMER.
W. A. LINDSAY.

Rev. R. R. Hanner was instructed to forward money collected for Theological Seminary to the proper agent.

The Committee on Temperance reported. The first part of the report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report:

We recognize with regret intemperance as the greatest enemy to the school, the family and church.

Intemperanee drives peace, joy, comfort and hope from thousands of homes and inflicts upon helpless women and children woes worse than death.

Intemperance not only enervates the body, darkens the intellect, destroys the moral sensibility, but annually carries thousands of wrecked, wretched and hopeless souls to the black depths of eternal perdition. There is but one remedy for this great evil. The church must marshal her forces, concentrate her energies and lead in waging relentless war on this destroying foe.

At this day we as a church and conference cannot afford to occupy an uncertain position on this all important subject. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,

1st. That we will not willingly tolerate the manufacture and sale or use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

2d. That we will work, pray and vote for state and national prohibition of the liquor traffic.

Signed,
W. F. ASHBURN,
W. M. PIKE.
H. J. BUTLER.

Following resolution passed by a standing vote:

Whereas, we have been entertained most liberally and cordially in our present annual session by the people of Ashboro,

Resolved, That we carry with us to our homes a deep and abiding sense of our pleasant experience, and pray God's blessing upon the homes of Asheboro where we have been entertained so kindly.

W. L. HARRIS,
L. L. ALBRIGHT.
J. N. WILLS.

Rev. D. A. Highfill resigned as Trustee of the Conference, and J. E. Hartsell appointed in his stead.

Bro. J. L. Ogburn was authorized to pay over money in hand for Yadkin College to Rev. C. A. Pickens.

The old Board of Church Extension was re-elected.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter of church property in Asheville, N. C., which is to be sold.

Revs. D. A. Highfill, W. A. Bunch, J. E. Hartsell, and Bros. J. L. Ogburn, W. A. Lindsay and B. Davidson were elected as Committee on Appeals.

The President appointed as Committee on Asheville Property, R. T. Pickens, S. V. Pickens and the pastor of Buncombe circuit.

Committee on Statistics reported. Conference asked for the reading of the totals only. Report was adopted. See appendix. Adjourned, with benediction by Bro. Hanner, to meet at 7 o'clock at night.

NIGHT SESSION.

The character of Rev. Geo. E. Hunt was passed.

Resolved, That the Board of Ministerial Education be asked to loan Rev. Cary H. Whitaker thirty dollars.

Adopted. W. L. HARRIS.

The Conference ordered that trustees of property in Battleborough belonging to the M. P. Church sell the same.

The Committee on Finance re-submitted their report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would make the following report, viz.:

1. That the salaries of our pastors are so low as not only to bring embarrassment, but discomfort. We are glad to know that there has been some improvement in this line in the last few years; but in view of continued improvement we believe our pastors should demand of their first quarterly conference a promise of a better support. We endorse the individual assessment plan, and urge the stewards to be prompt and faithful in their collections, that the pastor may be paid the amount due monthly or quarterly.

2. Pastors should not hesitate to preach on the relation of our money to the kingdom of God. All belongs to God and every dollar should honor Him. We urge that the church

members, and especially the sisters, co-operate with the stewards in this important work.

3. We recognize that the collection for general interest is mainly in the hands of the pastors, and we would urge them to continue faithful in taking of the same.

4. We recommend that the assessment for general interest be the same as last year. We further recommend that our financial blanks for reports to the conference be so arranged as to represent each church on a charge.

5. We believe much good might be accomplished by discussing and ventilating this subject freely before the conference

6. We recommend that the President's salary be $1,000. proportioned as follows:

Chatham	$15 00	Flag Springs	$30 00
Albemarle	12 00	Cedar Falls & Asheboro	22 50
LaGrange	20 00	Randleman	20 00
Roanoke	20 00	Stanley	20 00
Orange	22 50	Monroe	7 50
Halifax	30 00	Mecklenburg	25 00
Henderson	25 00	Forsyth	30 00
Littleton	20 00	Ivey	17 50
N. Granville	30 00	Buncombe	30 00
Saxapahaw	20 00	Caldwell	10 00
Alamance	35 00	Mocksville	20 00
Mt. Hermon	35 00	Cleveland	25 00
Randolph	20 00	Lincoln	25 00
Liberty	20 00	Greenville	20 00
Tabernacle	35 00	Yadkin	10 00
Granville	30 00	Burlington	7 50
Flat Rock	40 00	Gibsonville	7 50
Surry	20 00	Pee Dee	10 00
Winston Ct	15 00	Winston St	10 00
Yadkin College	20 00	Haw River	35 00
Uwharrie	22 50	Spring Church	10 00
Catawba	15 00	Greensboro	6 00
Guilford	25 00	Twin City	2 50
Davidson	30 00	High Point & Lexing'n	2 00
Tar River	20 00	Westfield	2 00
Wadesboro	7 50		

A letter from Secretary Stout, of the Board of Home Missions, was read before the conference, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Voted that any money collected for Yadkin College be paid to Bro. J. L. Ogburn.

The following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, this conference did at one time set on foot the subdistrict feature of our system and preserve it for a season or too, and whereas, we believe a fair trial was not given to the system in question, and that the growing demand of the church in North Carolina for such convocation should, in our opinion, be provided for, therefore,

Resolved, That the subdistrict system be revived, and that this conference proceed at once to subdistrict the State and to enact such definite regulations as may be necessary to effectuate said design.

W. F. KENNETT.
J. L. MICHEAUX.

President required to appoint a committee on Subdistricting the Conference. Rev. W. A. Bunch and Bros. B. M. Cates and W. A. Davies were appointed.

The Board of Ministerial Education was authorized to pay J. W. Frank fifty dollars, provided he pass satisfactory examination.

It was voted that certain money collected for a monument to Rev. Alson Gray be used in placing a memorial window for him in the High Point church.

The committee to subdistrict the conference district reported as follows:

First Subdistrict—Albemarle, Roanoke, Tar River, Greenville, Spring Church LaGrange.

Second District—Halifax, Littleton, Henderson, N. Granville, Granville.

Third District—Orange, Saxapahaw, Alamance, Chatham, Mt. Hermon, Burlington, Gibsonville.

Fourth District—Liberty, Tabernacle, Greensboro, Flat Rock, Haw River, Guilford, Randolph.

Fifth District—Randleman, Cedar Falls, Flag Springs, Pee Dee, Wadesboro, Monroe, Stanley, Davidson, Uwharrie.

Sixth District—Winston St., Winston Ct., Yadkin College, Forsyth, Yadkin, Surry, Westfield, Mocksville, Twin City.

Seventh District—Mecklenburg, Catawba, Lincoln, Cleveland, Caldwell, Buncombe, Ivey.

W. A. BUNCH,
W. A. DAVIES,
B. M. CATES,
Committee.

Report adopted.

It was voted that the President appoint chairmen of the districts.

A motion prevailed that pastors, superanuates, supernumeraries and two delegates from each field, one representing the C. E. work, constitute the Subdistrict Conference.

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The Stationary Committee submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted:

CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	
Alamance,	W. F, Ashburn,	Oakdale,	N. C.
Albemarle,	O. P. Routh,	Skinnersville,	"
Ashboro and Cedar Falls,	C. A Cecil,	Ashboro,	"
Buncombe—To be supplied			"
Burlington—	W. A. Bunch,	Burlinton	"
Cleveland—	J. H. Moton	Falston,	"
Chatham—	W. W. Amick	Liberty,	"
Catawba—	W. D. Fogleman,	Gastonia ,	"
Caldwell—	P. D. Moore,	Rutherford,	"
Davidson—	N. M. Modlin,	Bunch,	"
Flat Rock,	T. J. Ogburn,	Summerfield	"
Flag Springs—	J. H. Stowe	Why Not,	"
Forsyth—	J. G. W. Holloway	Vienna,	"
Greensboro—	J. S. Williams,	Greensboro	',
Granville—	W. L. Harris	Kittrell	"
Greenville—	W. T. Totten	Matthews,	"
Gibsonville—	A. W Lineberry	Greensboro	"
Guilford—	C. A. Pickens,	Lexington,	"
Henderson—	T. M. Johnson	Henderson,	"
High Point and Lexington—To besupplied		——	"
Haw River—	C. E. M Raper	Lego,	"
Halifax—	H. L. Powell	Brinkleyville,	"
Ivy—	W. C. Lassiter	Democrat,	"
La Grange—	W. E Swain	La Grange,	"
Lincoln—	E. A. Plyler	Toluca'	"
Liberty—	J. R. Hutton	Climax	"
Littleton—	H. S. B. Thompson	Littleton,	"
Mecklenburg—	I. I. York	Matthews,	"
Monroe—	A. S. Hunter	———	,'
Mocksville—	R. R. Hanner	Yadkin College	"
North Granville—	J. F. Dosier	Dabrey,	"
Orange—	Wm. M. Pike	Mebansville,	"
Pee Dee—	J. B. Tarlton	———	"
Randleman—	W. F. Kennett	Worthville	"
Randolph—	Geo. W. Milloway	Millboro,	"
Roanoke—	C. L. Whitaker	Enfield	"
Saxapahaw—	W. C. Kennett	Greensboro,	"
Stanly—	J. R. Betts	———	"
Surry—	W. C. Hammer	Culler,	"
Spring Church—	W. T. Totten	Matthews,	"
Tabernacle—	J. E. Hartsell	Greensboro,	"
Tar River—	J. D. Williams	Whitakers,	"
Twin-City—To be supplied		———	"
Uwharrie—	T F McCulloch	Greensboro,	"
Winston Station—	L. L. Albright	Winston,	"
Winston Circuit—	D. A. Highfill	Liberty,	"

CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	
Wadesboro—	H. D. Garmon...	——	N. C.
Westfield—	J. L. Johnson	......——	"
Mt. Herman—	W. F. McDowell...	Asehboro	"
Yadkin—To be supplied		——	"
Yadkin College—	J. N. Garrett...	Yadkin College	"

Left in the hands of President—W. H. Ford, G. E. Hunt, W, P. Martin, J. R. Waltan and F. A.Sides.

Transferred to unstationed list—H. Lewellen

Superannuated—J. L. Michaux, R, R, Michaux, C. F. Harris.

Professor in Western Maryland College—S. Simpson.

Editor of our "Church Record"—J. F. McCulloch.

Left without an appointment at his request—Joe S. Dunn.

Minutes read and adopted. Conference adjourned by singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds", and prayer by Rev. T. E. Coulbourn.

Appendix.

MINUTES OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuated Fund Society of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met at Asheboro M. P. Church, on the 23rd. of Nov. 1894, during the sitting of the Annual Conference. Members present, Viz: Rev. C. F. Harris, Chairman, J, W. Heath, J. L. Ogburn and W. W. Amick. A letter was received from Ed. Wills making W. W. Amick his proxy. W. W. Amick was elected secretary pro tem. Report of agent in Halifax, Ed. Wills, was read and adopted, Viz: Plantation leased for five years; as follows: 1894 Tenant to pay $20,00; 1895 $35,00; 1896 $35,00; '97 $40,00; 1898, $40,00. The taxes for 1894 are $4,80. This amount removed, the balance of this year's rent and $1,20 for timber sold, $16,40 received and disposed of by the Board as follows. On motion the above named amount of money to be sent to Treasurer of board Viz: O. W. Donnel, by the hand of J. L. Ogburn.

On motion the board recommends to Annual Conference the appropriation of the $16,40 to the benefit of Rev. C. F. Harris, over and above the amount that may be appropriated from Annual Collections. Minutes read and adopted.

C. F. HARRIS, CH'MN

W. W. AMICK, SEC'Y. protem.

The Suprannuated Fund Society of the N. C. Conference of M. P. Church recommends to the Annual Conference the appropriation of sixteen dollars and forty cents to the benefit of Rev. C. F. Harris over and above the amount that may be appropriated from the annual collections.

W. W. AMICK, SE'CY. protem. F. HARRIS, CH'MN.

Minutes of a meeting ot the N. C. Conference, Church Extension Board Nov. 24th. 1894. Members present W. A. Bunch, Chairman, W. W. Amick, Secretary, T. J. Ogburn and J. H. Pegram.

Treasurers report:

Amount Cash in hand		$481,29.
Board ordered paid claimants as follows:		
W. P. Martin, Yancy Mission	$100,00	
R. R. Hanner, Yadkin	73.00	
J. D. Williams, Tar River	21.00	
H. L. Powell Albemarle,	7.00	
W A. Bunch, Burlington	110.00	
To Liberty Church	75.00	
" Barlington Church	7500	
"New London Church	20.29	
Respectfully submitted	$481·29.	$481.29

W. W. AMICK, SEC.Y. W. A. BUNCH, CH'MN.

The N. C. Missionary Society of the M. P. Church met in Asheboro N. C. on the 23rd. of Nov. 1894, and was called to order by the President. Bro. T. J. Ogburn in short, pointed address, explained the nature and work of the Society and urged us to be liberal in contributing to this good work.

After which ($90.00) ninetydollars were raised on life membership by the payment of $10.00 each by friends and by public collection. W. C. KENNETT, SEC'Y.

COURSE OF STUDY:

Candidates for Admission into N. C. Conference; M. P. Church.

First Year; Binney's Theological Compend., Improved,	$ 50
Broadus on Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.	1.43
The Pastor Among His People,	1.00
Bassett's History of the M. P. Church,	1,25
Written Sermon on 'Repentance,,'	
Second Year; Ralnsto's Elements of Divinity,	$2.68
Watson's Institute, 3rd and 4th parts,	2.68
Blackburn,s Church History, to the Reformation,	1.60
Hart's Rhetoric,	1.20
Written sermon on "Justification by Faith."	
Third Year; Watson's Institute, 1st and 2nd parts,	
Blackburn's Church History, concluded,	
Hopkin's Law of Love, etc.,	$1.27
Jeroon's Logic,	.35
Bulter's Analogy.	1.25
Written sermon on "Apostasy."	

CHARGES AND CHURCHES REPORTING DEFICIT ON PASTOR'S SALARY.

CHARGE.	
Flat Rock	Forrest Chapel, Kernersville, Bethel.
Randleman & Asheboro	Randleman.
Stanly	Love's Grove, Friendship, Simpson, Cottonville.
Burlington	Maple Grove.
Guilford	Red Hill, Sandy Ridge, Fairfield.
Asheboro	Charlotte, Union.
Mocksville	Bethel, Union Grove, Union Chapel, Dulin's, Elbaville.
Pee Dee	Melton's Grove, Love Joy, Macedonia.
Buncombe	Ream's Creek, Clarke's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Zion, Flint Hill, Swannanoa.
Randolph	Salem, Gray's Chapel
Roanoke	Speight's Chapel, Enfield, Whitaker's Chaepl, Roseneath, Whitaker's
Surry	Union Chapel, Poplar Springs, Pilot.
Alamance	Sapling Ridge, Center, Concord, Bethel, Rock Creek, Flint Ridge.
Spring Church	Spring Church.
Tabernacle	Shady Grove, Moriah, Tabernacle.
Yadkin	Baltimore, Union Hill, Stony Knoll, Taylor's School House.
LaGrange	Harris' Chapel, LaGrange, Oak Grove, Hickory Grove.
Winston	Fairview, Gravel Hill, Union Ridge, Mt. Pleasant.
Albemarle	Plymouth, Creswell, Rehoboth.
Cedar Falls	Gile's Chapel, Bethany, Worthville, Level Cross, Davis Chapel.
Davidson	Lineberry, Pleasant Grove, Chapel Hill, Pine Hill, Milledgeville.
Liberty	Mt. Pleasant, Liberty Grove, Pleasant Union.
Forsyth	Hickory Ridge, Tabernacle,
Granville	Rehoboth, Mt. Carmel, Union Chapel, Antioch.
High Point	Mt. Zion.
Haw River	Midway, Friendship.
Halifax	Lee's Chapel, Ringwood, Union, Eden.
Ivy	Pleasant Gap, Big Ivy, Ferry's Fork, Laurel Branch, Mountain Valley.
Mecklenburg	Antioch, Zoar, Beulah.
North Granville	Mt. Olivet, New Hope.
Caldwell	A deficit reported for the entire charge, but no names of churches given.
*Note—	While this church was reported in arrears, yet for the entire charge, no deficit.

J. F. DOZIER, CONFERENCE STEWARD.
By Order of the Conference.

North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant C

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1894.

PASTORAL CHARGE.	Pastor's Claim.	Pastor Received.	Deficit.	President's Claim.	President Received.	Paid to previous Pastor.	Foreign Missions.	Home	N. C. Missions.	Children's Day.	Church Extension.	Ministerial Education.	Superanuates.	Colleges.	Theological Seminary.	
Asheboro	400 00	361 99	38 01	30 00	29 00	10 00	6 66	4 00	7 88	6 75	2 07	1 43	3 0	40	....	
Alamance	438 12	326 54	112 50	40 00	41 55	29 12	6 20	4 21	5 77	....	81	1 17	4 5	....	....	
Albemarle	225 00	193 95	32 05	12 00	16 74	2 06	10 00	....	3 65	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Buncombe	370 00	275 31	94 69	30 00	22 32	....	1 00	57	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Burlington	310 00	292 75	17 25	15 00	18 00	....	....	3 75	12 87	30 40	4 25	....	....	....	....	
Caldwell	150 00	82 00	68 00	10 00	....	50	....	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Cleveland	350 00	352 70	....	25 20	25 80	5 00	31 14	7 32	10 27	....	1 00	50	3 5	50	....	
Catawba*	....	....	....	15 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Cedar Falls	400 00	362 50	37 50	30 00	30 00	....	18 15	7 00	6 00	....	6 00	6 69	1 0	2 00	....	
Davidson	350 00	265 10	84 90	30 00	24 75	....	3 64	....	4 41	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Forsyth	300 00	273 25	31 35	30 00	30 00	5 00	8 00	2 00	6 00	....	75	75	....	80	....	
Flat Rock	700 00	638 00	62 00	40 00	40 00	6 25	30 69	13 10	15 40	17 43	....	8 07	5 8	....	5 87	
Guilford	303 00	269 85	33 15	30 00	28 46	....	17 04	07	3 16	....	....	60	1 8	50	46	
Granville	500 00	334 33	165 63	30 00	30 00	....	....	00	9 60	40 00	....	7 50	5 0	1 00	....	
Greenville	225 00	227 00	....	20 00	20 27	....	13 00	2 00	5 00	....	4 00	3 00	2 0	....	....	
High Point	257 00	258 00	....	25 00	20 66	....	3 00	2 12	2 26	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Haw River	400 00	372 00	28 00	35 00	31 55	....	34 70	00	8 00	....	....	2 10	3 0	55	1 00	
Halifax	400 00	325 37	74 63	35 00	29 04	....	4 40	8 11	22 56	36 00	3 85	3 32	....	1 00	....	
Henderson Sta'n	600 00	642 00	....	20 00	21 00	....	52 15	37 00	39 45	29 12	42 00	210 00	16 8	....	....	
Ivey	254 00	130 60	123 40	20 00	18 28	....	66	1 92	1 13	....	1 05	....	4 7	....	....	
Lincoln	375 00	412 50	....	25 00	25 13	....	25 00	10 00	5 00	....	2 00	1 00	....	96	....	
Liberty	300 00	251 57	48 43	30 00	30 58	....	22 52	....	3 59	....	3 60	3 59	3 6	3 59	....	
Littleton	250 00	253 19	....	20 00	20 29	....	23 12	9 43	5 56	....	....	2 20	2 0	....	....	
LaGrange	400 98	231 20	169 78	20 00	19 00	60 25	12 19	3 51	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Mecklenburg	300 00	198 29	101 71	30 00	20 90	....	2 90	6 90	2 90	....	90	90	....	90	1 65	
Mocksville	325 00	232 15	92 85	20 00	18 60	....	99	88	83	7 35	82	90	....	80	....	
Monroe	150 00	150 00	....	7 50	8 00	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
North Granville.	410 00	324 86	85 14	30 00	27 65	....	4 50	6 58	11 92	34 22	1 00	3 20	10 7	....	....	
Orange	475 00	476 01	....	35 00	35 00	....	22 00	11 00	27 09	....	6 00	3 00	....	3 00	....	
Pee Dee	154 00	112 07	41 93	10 05	10 10	....	9 16	3 33	4 47	....	1 00	1 00	....	1 00	....	
Randleman &A'o	500 00	430 00	70 00	20 00	20 00	....	39 64	8 00	8 00	....	2 00	3 50	3 0	1 30	....	
Randolph	270 00	....	....	15 00	15 00	....	28 07	8 26	6 93	....	51	21	....	....	....	
Roanoke	450 00	339 93	110 07	35 00	27 15	....	5 50	4 58	6 73	17 31	3 67	4 17	....	....	....	
Surry	330 00	270 95	59 05	20 00	21 15	....	8 27	1 0	60	....	....	....	7	....	....	
Stanley	345 00	249 60	96 40	20 00	20 00	....	14 25	5 00	1 10	....	80	57	....	28	....	
Spring Church	145 00	123 22	22 28	10 00	13 32	....	9 00	3 00	3 00	....	1 00	....	1 0	....	....	
Tabernacle	500 00	400 99	99 01	30 00	30 00	1 50	25 31	6 50	12 50	....	1 43	3 00	3 0	....	2 00	
Yancy Miss	....	21 15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Yadkin	150 00	128 08	21 92	10 00	10 20	....	3 00	6 00	5 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Winston	472 00	431 00	41 00	35 00	30 90	....	8 23	5 00	10 00	....	3 00	2 00	....	2 00	....	1,
Winston Station	500 00	500 00	....	15 00	15 00	....	25	11 50	2 15	....	....	50	7	65	....	
Tar River Miss	147 45	142 00	....	5 00	5 00	....	2 20	2 25	9 25	3 16	2 00	2 00	2 2	....	....	
Chatham	200 00	201 50	....	15 00	15 35	....	10 00	4 00	4 00	....	2 00	50	....	....	....	
Mt. Hermon	425 00	428 75	....	35 00	35 07	....	40 14	2 1	32 01	....	2 08	2 51	....	....	....	
Wadesboro Miss.	....	110 97	....	7 50	9 00	....	....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Greensboro Sta.	500 00	500 00	....	5 00	5 00	....	4 00	23 00	4 00	9 24	3 00	3 00	4 0	....	3 00	3
Totals	15,006 55	12,903 22	2,062 63	1,027 25	964 21	119 68	561 67	248 30	332 04	230 98	102 59	282 88	182 4	1 23	13 98	6,4

*NOTE:—No report from this charge.

Respectfully submitted,

F. DOSIER,

h Car lina Conference Methodist Protestant Church.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1894.

Stationed Ministers	Unstatin'd Ministers	Stationed Preachers	Unstatin'd Preachers	Members	Received on Probati'n	Probationers on List	Received into full Membership	Died	Removed	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Increase	Decrease	Conversions	Churches	Valuation of Church Property	Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Church Papers	Sunday School Papers	Sunday Schools	Officers	Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Christian En. Societies	Members	Junior Christian Endeavor Societies	Members
1	...	...	...	623	...	...	18	9	13	3	...	...	7	14	6	5000	...	...	25	...	6	10	24	387	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	1	...	238	2	4	57	1	2	...	...	55	...	50	3	2000	...	...	26	1	3	8	12	148	...	...	...	...	...
2	3	...	...	499	...	...	23	2	9	4	5	2	...	26	7	3500	1	260	6	...	7	17	31	384	...	3	66	...	...
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1	...	...	1	272	2	1	25	3	4	...	3	16	...	32	4	4000	...	...	13	12	4	15	28	422	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	552	...	...	30	5	...	...	28	2	...	35	5	3560	...	...	19	...	5	6	18	220	...	3	75	...	...
1	1	2	...	695	62	27	6	8	6	1	15	30	...	71	5	2900	...	...	10	...	4	4	20	340	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	1	280	...	2	16	2	...	...	4	10	...	60	5	1800	...	...	6	10	5	10	25	200	...	...	...	...	...
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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—November 20th.

Conference was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., by President T. T. Ferree.

The President read the twelfth chapter of Romans. Prayer was offered by T. J. Ogburn, J. R. Savage, and W. E. Swain.

The Conference roll was called.

The rules of order used by last Conference were adopted.

A Committee on Credentials was appointed: W. L. Harris and Jno. L. Powell.

The bar of Conference was fixed at five seats from front.

A standing District Committee was appointed: W. W. Amick, Jeremiah Hunter, J. L. Michaux, W. O. Donnell, O. R. Cox, and Jno. Snotherly. Also a Committee on ministerial character: J. L. Michaux, A. W. Lineberry, C. A. Pickens. J. L. Ogburn. and J. A. Spencer.

Moved that the Secretary record all important matter in full. Carried.

The time for meeting and adjourning appointed as follows: Meet at 9:00 a. m. Adjourn at 12:00 m. Meet at 2:30 p. m. Adjourn at pleasure. Meet at 7:30 p. m. Adjourn at pleasure.

The Committee on Credentials reported delegates present as follows:

Alamance, J. M. Lindley; Flag Springs, J. A. Spencer; Yadkin, J. T. Smitherman: Spring Church, J. A. Robinson; Davidson, A. C. Griffin; Mecklenburg, W. M. Atkins; Roanoke, Walter Beavens: Littleton, F. D. Wilson; Buncombe, W. T. Clinton; Henderson, F. R. Harris: Flat Rock, J. L. Ogburn: Albemarle, G. H. Leary; Cleveland, J. A. Powell: Ivey, W. C. Fair; N. Granville, J. E. Borroughs: Greenville, H. J. Butler; Randleman, S. C.

Bristow; Winston Ct., P. W. Mock; Forsyth, J. D. Anderson: Liberty, J. W. S. Causey; Burlington, R. N. Thompson; Granville, Z. T. Garrett.

W. A. Bunch was called to the chair, and President Ferree read his annual report.

President Ferree's character was passed.

It was moved and carried that all communications concerning boundary lines be read in open conference, and that the Boundary Committee announce all its meetings.

C. A. Cecil moved that each pastor be required to read his financial report before the conference.

F. R. Harris moved to amend by having Conference Steward's report posted.

Conference adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order by the President.

C. L. Whitaker was elected assistant Secretary.

The President announced the following Committees:

FACULTY—T. J. Ogburn, W. A. Bunch, W. C. Kennett, T. F. McCulloch, W. E. Swain, W. F. Kennett, J. F. Dosier, J. H. Stowe.

MISSIONS—T. J. Ogburn, W. W. Amick, Charlie Brown, M. F. Fox, A. M. Harrison.

COLLEGES—A. W. Lineberry, J. N. Garrett, J. P. Proctor, W. P. Pickett, G. N. Butner.

BOUNDARIES—W. A. Bunch, W. F. Ashburn, R. R. Ross, F. R. Harris, Geo. Kernodle.

LITERATURE—W. F. Kennett, G. F. Millaway, D. A. Highfill, J. S. Hunter, A. N. Robeson.

FINANCE—C. A. Cecil, W. C. Kennett, O. A. Hanner, J. A. Spencer, J. A. Powell.

TEMPERANCE—H. S. B. Thompson, I. I. York, Geo. Johnson, W. T. Clinton, J. D. Anderson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. H. Stowe, J. H. Moton, Walter Beavens, J. M. Lindley, R. N. Thompson.

PASTORAL WORK—T. M. Johnson, Jas. E. Hartsell, E. A. Plyler, J. L. Ogburn, S. C. Bristow.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS—C. A. Pickens, J. L. Michaux.

ORDINANCES—J. F. Dosier, N. M. Modlin, D. A. Braswell.

CORRESPONDENCE—W. C. Kennett, W. L. Harris, Z. T. Garrett.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—W. E. Swain, J. G. W. Holloway, J. R. Savage, R. T. Pickens, J. E. Burroughs.

STATISTICS—T. F. McCulloch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—W. T. Totten, F. D. Wilson.

PULPIT SERVICE—J. S. Williams, J. S. Hunter, J. N. Wills.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR—C. L. Whitaker, W. F. McDowell, A. C. Griffin.

CONFERENCE STEWARD—J. R. Hutton.

TO RECEIVE MONEY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS—C. E. M. Raper.

HOME MISSIONS—J. R. Walton.

LOCAL MISSIONS—J. S. Dunn.

COLLEGES—R. R. Hanner.

SUPERANNUATED FUND—Philip W. Mock.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. T. Smitherman.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—O. P. Routh.

PUBLISHING MINUTES—W. R. Lowdermilk.

On motion of J. S. Dunn, 3 o'clock to-morrow was made the hour for electing the President, instead of 3 o'clock to-day.

C. A. Cecil's motion as amended, by F. R. Harris, was carried.

On motion the Committees to receive moneys were requested to meet in the Sunday school room.

Committee on Credentials made the following report: Brother Little to take the place of R. A. Blaylock from Guilford, till Brother Blaylock arrives.

Bro. Braswell from Wadesboro, having left his credentials, was seated by a motion of the Conference.

J. W. Guyer, alternate from High Point, was seated as a delegate.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three should be appointed by the President to inquire into the ministerial educational funds collected for Colleges in the N. C. district for the past few years, to ascertain what directions have been given to funds so received: and also to

certain and report to this Conference what would be the effect of paying the amounts raised for ministeral education in N. C. into the common (Ministerial Educational) fund of the General Conference. Signed by J. L. MICHAUX,
I. I. YORK.

Invitations for the next annual session of the Conference were received from Liberty, Yadkin College, and Burlington. Conference voted in favor of Burlington.

Moved and carried that the next session meet Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1896.

President appointed W. A. Bunch, F. R. Harris and J. L. Ogburn as a Committee to look into the matter of the ministerial educational fund.

W. M. Brown was invited to a seat in the Conference.

The following delegates were announced:

R. A. Blaylock from Guilford, George B. Johnson from Mount Hermon, C. L. Brown from Lincoln, P. P. Troxler from Gibsonville, P. M. Sykes from Orange. A. N. Robeson from Saxapahaw, George N. Butner from Surry, J. W. Crotts from Mocksville, D. A. Braswell from Wadesboro, J. P. Proctor from Catawba, A. L. Boggs from Uwharrie, J. Speight Hunter from Greensboro.

On motion the Conference proceeded to the examination of the characters of the ministers.

Rev. J. A. Cuninggim. of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

Committee on Official Character was appointed as follows: W. F. McDowell, J. W. Guyer, and P. M. Sykes.

Conference adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

J. Norman Wills delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Greensboro people. W. M. Pike responded on behalf of the Conference.

T. J. Ogburn, W. A. Bunch and J. M. Hadley were elected to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Conference.

The character of the following ministers passed:

J. S. Dunn, G. F. Millaway, W. W. Amick, W. F. Ashburn, I. I. York, W. T. Totten, W. E. Swain, W. M. Pike, L. L. Albright, G. H. Austin, W. C. Kennett, O. P. Routh, A. W. Lineberry, J. R. Betts, J. G. W. Holloway, J. H. Stowe, T. M. Johnson, W. D. Fogleman, J. F. Dosier, C. L. Whitaker, A. L. Hunter, J. R. Hutton, J. R. Walton, W. F. Kennett, C. A. Cecil, C. E. M. Raper, W. L. Harris, W. F. McDowell.

F. T. Tagg, editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, was introduced to the Conference.

Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION—NOV. 21ST.

Conference called to order by the President.

Devotional exercises were conducted by G. F. Millaway.

Minutes of the previous sessions were read and adopted.

J. C. Roberts, of Kernersville, was invited to a seat in the Conference.

Delegates were announced as follows: G. C. Hine from Winston, N. M. Harrison from Halifax.

A paper from Surry Quarterly Conference, recommending William Porter to the stationing authority, and for orders, was read and referred to the Faculty.

A request from Saxapahaw for additional churches or financial help for next year was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A letter from H. D. Garmon was read and referred to the Stationing Committee.

A request from J. W. Frank, of Western Maryland College, was read and referred to F. R. Harris as a special Committee. F. R. Harris reported at once.

Conference voted that the request could not be granted under the circumstances.

F. R. Harris, on behalf of the Committee on Education, moved that an educational mass meeting be held at 7:30 on Friday evening. The motion was carried.

It was voted that the Conference hear T. H. Law, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, after the reading of the minutes on Friday morning.

Moved and carried that the Conference hear the Fraternal Address from Dr. Tagg, of the Maryland Conference, to-night at 7:30.

On motion the first and second Sub-district Conferences were consolidated.

It was voted that the chairman of Sub-district Conference be required to notify the pastors in his district four weeks in advance of the time of holding conference, and that pastors be required to co-operate with the chairman in carrying out the work of the Conference.

The characters of the following passed: T. F. McCulloch, J. R. Savage, E. A. Plyler, J. H. Moton, J. N. Garrett, W. C. Hammer, N. M. Modlin, T. J. Ogburn, W. R. Lowdermilk, H. D. Garmon, J. E. Hartsell, J. W. Heath, D. A. Highfill, C. A. Cecil, W. W. Russell, D. A. Fishel.

R. R. Ross, delegate from Asheboro and Cedar Falls, was announced.

The delegate and alternate from Randolph being absent, Rev. A. S. Barker was made delegate by vote.

The characters of Revs. J. L. Michaux and R. R. Michaux passed.

The rules of Conference were suspended to hear the first partial report of the Faculty:

1. We recommend for ordination and election to merbership in the Conference Brothers J. R. Hutton, C. E. M. Raper, O. P. Routh, H. S. B. Thompson, and W. C. Lassiter.

2. We recommend Bro. Geo. H. Biggs for ordination but not for membership.

3. We recommend Bro. J. R. Betts for election to membership in the Conference.

4. Brothers J. H. Stowe and G. F. Millaway have received Logic and have passed on the same.

T. J. OGBURN, *Secretary*.
W. A. BUNCH, *Chairman*.

The character of Geo. E. Hunt was passed and his name placed on the list of unstationed ministers.

The characters of C. F. Harris, W. P. Martin, S. Simpson, P. D. Moore, and J. F. McCulloch were passed.

J. H. Weaver and W. M. Bagby, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion, the Committee on Boundaries was requested not to set off new mission fields without the concurrence of the Board of Church Extension.

The characters of W. A. Bunch, H. S. B. Thompson, C. A. Pickens, and R. R. Hanner were passed.

On motion, J. C. Roberts was elected to receive all moneys collected on the various charges to defray the expenses of delegates to the General Conference.

Conference adjourned to hear the annual sermon by T. M. Johnson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

R. T. Pickens was reported as delegate from Yadkin College.

Conference passed the character of H. L. Powell.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the interest of Local Missions in North Carolina, and formulate some plan by which more money may be raised for that purpose.

C. A. PICKENS,
W. F. McDOWELL.

The committee appointed are J. F. McCulloch, J. L. Michaux and J. Norman Wills.

On motion of T. J. Ogburn a committee to audit Ministerial Educational Fund was appointed: J. L. Michaux, G. C. Hine, George Johnson.

The report of the Committee on the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was read and adopted.

We believe that the importance of the Christian Endeavor Society should be emphasized, and that all the pastors should inform themselves on Christian Endeavor aims and methods.

We recommend that there be inserted in blanks for examination of official character this question: "Have you endeavored to organize Christian Endeavor Societies?"

We believe that this interest may be advanced and enthusiasm aroused and maintained by holding C. E. Rallies as often as practicable, and by inter-society visitation, both of societies on the same work and on adjacent works.

We urge, especially, the co-operation of pastors in these rallies: that they be present and take some part in them.

We also recommend that the Executive Committee arrange for a Presidential visitation more extended than that of the past summer, and that all the pastors co-operate with the Executive Committee and Christian Endeavor President.

We would respectfully urge upon the local societies the importance of contributing the fifty cents a year each to defray the expenses of correspondence and literature to the officers as suggested last year. Out of a total of seventy-seven societies only seventeen have responded to that call.

We recommend that the time necessary for carrying out the programme prepared by the Executive Committee be given by the Conference.

C. L. WHITAKER,
W. F. McDOWELL,
A. C. GRIFFIN.

R. R. Ross moved that the stationing committee be composed of five members—the president of the Conference, two ministers, and two laymen. R. T. Pickens offered as an amendment that the president be aided by one layman from each field. F. R. Harris substituted that the stationing power be vested in the president and the ex-president.

The order of the day having arrived, the Conference proceeded to elect the president for the coming year. On second ballot W. A. Bunch was declared elected.

L. L. Albright was elected secretary; C. L. Whitaker, assistant. L. L. Albright tendered his resignation as secretary. Resignation accepted. C. L. Whitaker was then elected secretary, and J. R. Betts assistant.

The following resolution was adopted :

> *Resolved*, That we recognize the efficient work of our retiring president, Brother Ferree, and pray the benediction of Heaven upon him.
>
> I. I. YORK,
> W. C. HAMMER.

Conference resumed discussion on motion as to stationing committee. The amendment was lost. The original motion was carried. To serve on the committee with the president the Conference elected T. J. Ogburn, F. R. Harris, T. T. Ferree and J. L. Ogburn.

O. A. Hanner was reported as delegate from Chatham and M. M. Furr from Stanly.

A memorial from Yadkin College circuit was received and referred to the committee on Boundaries.

Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with music by the choir.

F. T. Tagg, fraternal messenger from the Maryland Conference, addressed the Conference.

J. F. McCulloch was appointed fraternal messenger to the Maryland Conference. F. R. Harris was appointed alternate.

Conference adjourned with prayer by R. R. Michaux.

THIRD DAY—Nov. 22nd—Morning Session.

Conference called to order by the president.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. H. Moton.

Minutes read and approved.

Dr. Law, district secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced. On motion the order of the day was deferred thirty minutes.

The committee on colleges read their report:

We are gratified to know that we have such educational work done in the interest of our denomination, as is done by Western Maryland College; also Adrian College. We rejoice in the fact that these schools of high grade are run in the interest of not only the people of our country, but in the interest of our own loved Zion. And we indulge the hope that their prosperity and usefulness will continue to widen as time moves on.

We also feel a deep interest in Kansas City University, and wish it the greatest possible success, and trust that it will be the school of the West. But, as has been stated in a previous report, these schools are too distant geographically at this fast day to gather in any large amount of patronage from our Conference. So then interest dictates the importance of looking after our educational interests in our own district.

Your committee has not the information that we desire in reference to Falston Institute, but from the information that we have we believe it to be worthy of our notice and commendation, and should be patronized by our people.

Also your committee has had the interests of Yadkin College under consideration. This institution is really the only available institution owned by the North Carolina Conference. The college building is now in a condition to accommodate comfortably quite a number of students. It has a beautiful location and beautiful natural surroundings, and they are healthful and invigorating—in the midst of a moral atmosphere seldom surpassed. Her church and Sabbath school opportunities are ample. Her principal is competent, impartial and unsparing in his labors to advance his pupils in knowledge. Tuition and board may be had wonderfully cheap. So that your committee is of the opinion that no school of its grade, all things considered, offers greater inducements to those who are seeking an education than Yadkin College High School. Therefore your committee recommends it to the favorable consideration of this Conference, and to our people and friends everywhere.

We would also recommend that a special committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the indebtedness of Yadkin College, and devise some plan or plans by which, in their judgment, it may be relieved of its indebtedness; and report the same to this body at as early an hour as shall be found convenient. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. LINEBERRY,
J. N. GARRETT,
J. P. PROCTOR,
G. N. BUTNER.

J. Norman Wills offered his resignation as a member of the local board of ministerial education. Resignation accepted. J. L. Ogburn's resignation on the same board was accepted.

Committee on pastoral work made their report:

The preacher who does little or no pastoral visiting does only half a year's work, and that only half way, no matter how ably and eloquently he has preached on the fifty-two Sundays and during the revival season. It is really no wonder if such a preacher with such a record has only half a salary promised him, and that only half paid. The congregations are small, the salary not paid, and the people want another preacher. He wonders what is the matter. The people may not tell *him*, but they do not hesitate to tell others that they do not want him back because he does not visit. Your committee does not intimate that the preacher should visit in order to get his money; that would be betraying his sacred trust. We simply point out this lack of appreciation on the part of the people as an indication of defective work on the part of some preachers—a defect that may be remedied. The truth is, such a preacher is rapidly approaching the "dead line," or has already crossed it. No man who withdraws himself from men can be alive to their needs and thoughts. Some one has said the preacher should keep open both Godward and manward: but he cannot keep open manward unless he associates with men. Then, too, he needs to have the confidence of men. To have this confidence he must let the people feel that he is not simply one *among* them but one *of* them as well; that he is a man-preacher and a preacher-man, that he is man's preacher and God's preacher, a God-man. The preacher should have purity as an angel but familiarity as a man, should have communion with God but companionship with men.

The pastor should not mistake social calling or clerical loafing for pastoral visiting. He should not go among the people to eat, but to feed others. "Feed my sheep," is the command of the Master. The pastor should have an object—a definite object. The arrow shot at a venture may hit *a* mark but it is not likely to hit *the* mark.

The one object should be to learn the needs of the people and meet those needs, to get along side of the people, close to them, to feel their heart throbs and they feel his, to think their thoughts and they think his, to know them and they know him, to sympathize with the people and they with him. He who is called to preach must, in the very nature of the case, be called to do at least some of this kind of work; for preaching is teaching and teaching is most effective when done in this hand-to-hand, heart-to-heart, life-to-life sort of way.

T. M. JOHNSON,
S. C. BRISTOW,
E. A. PLYLER,
J. L. OGBURN,
J. E. HARTSELL.

Report of committee on correspondence was presented:

We find four letters: one each from D. A. Fishel, W. P. Martin and J. W. Wilborn, and one from Dr. J. M. Hadley. We recommend that these be referred to the stationing committee. We also have a letter from W. A. Lindsay which we recommend to the committee on Boundaries.

W. C. KENNETT,
W. L. HARRIS,
Z. T. GARRETT.

Dr. Law addressed the Conference.

M. F. Fox was reported as delegate from Tabernacle.

On motion of F. R. Harris a committee of three was appointed to consider the interests presented by Dr. Law. J. L. Michaux, W. C. Hammer, and J. M. Lindley were appointed.

The North Carolina Local Missionary Society held its annual meeting. The collection amounted to $173.40.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

It being theorder of the day to elect representatives to the General Conference, Conference was organized into an electoral college with W. A. Bunch, president; W. E. Swain, secretary; J. R. Hutton and J. S. Hunter, tellers.

Moved and carried that the Conference and the electoral college alternate.

On motion of W. F. Kennett 2 o'clock Saturday was set apart to hear the report of the committee on literature and to consider the publishing house interests.

Revs. Jarrell and Roach, of the Christian church, were introduced to the Conference:

The committee on ordinances presented their report:

After considerable thought and observation we are impressed that as a church we do not sufficiently emphasize the importance of church ordinances. Not that this is so from design—for our Articles of Faith and Discipline are sufficiently strong—but the zeal with which we oppose everything savoring of ecclesiastical tyranny, prelatical pretentions and sacramentarianism, and with which we advocate freedom of thought and of conscience has caused us to swing to the other extreme, bordering on latitudinarianism. So this was and is leading us to the following errors in practice, and, to some extent, in theory:

1st. Sometimes persons have been admitted into full membership without being baptized, which is positively at variance with article 17 of our Articles of Faith: for in said article we recognize baptism as an ordinance of Christ. If it is an ordinance of Christ, how dare we as Christians to lightly esteem it, or ignore it in practice?

2d. In some sections the young children of our members are rarely ever baptized. This *non*-practice is at variance with article 18 of our Articles of Faith, and with Methodist and all Pedo-Baptist standards, and, as we think, with the Bible, and needs correcting.

3d. Another error is the abnormal fear of hurting somebody's feelings, or precipitating controversy, if we state, defend or inculcate our views respecting the nature, design, obligation, subjects, and especially the modes of baptism. And the consequence is, little is said on the subject, and our people, as a rule, are sadly in need of information respecting this ordinance. We are well aware, however, that the specious plea is often urged, "Let each one think and decide for himself in such matters. We should do violence to no one's conscience in such matters." Very good; but we are not at liberty to endorse every one's decisions in matters of conscience. We, as the representatives of Christ, should have a conscience ourselves, sufficiently loyal to Him to prevent our endorsing anything disloyal to Him, at variance with His commands. The plea, in the name of liberty, that is sometimes urged, that it is discretionary with us whether we are baptized or have our children baptized, we believe to be heretical in its very nature. What command, precept, or injunction of Christ is left to our discretion? Not one. It is very true that we cannot—neither should we attempt it—coerce any one's conscience, but we are at liberty, and often under obligation, to enlighten the consciences of others; and while we let persons think for themselves, it is our duty to help them in their thinking. Very few left to themselves really do think, and when and where we do not help our people in their thinking some one else generally does, and the result is persons sometimes received without baptism, in some sections the young children of our members rarely ever baptized, and sometimes we have dissatisfaction or lose members on account of how they were baptized.

To remedy this we would recommend that all of our pastors sufficiently inform themselves on the subject in question, so as to be able to intelligently and convincingly state and defend our views, and then enlighten our people on the subject from the pulpit and fireside, and by the circulation of literature on the subject. In the way of literature we would recommend Bates on *Water Baptism* for general circulation, and for those who have the qualification and inclination to read more extensively we would recommend *Summers on Baptism* and *Turney on the Mode of Baptism.*

Touching the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we believe it to be a means of grace which no one is at liberty to ignore, and should be observed by every one who is earnestly striving to live a Christian life. And if the nature, design, signification and obligation of this ordinance were more clearly and generally set forth before our people, explaining what is meant by "eating and drinking unworthily" and by "being in love and charity with our neighbors" we would have a larger number that would commune.

Further, your committee would observe that the impression is becoming quite prevalent that as there is no saving efficacy in the elements of bread, wine and water used in the sacraments, they are unimportant, of little or no value, and that they can be esteemed lightly, with indifference, or ignored altogether with impunity. But your committee are of the opinion that as the sacraments are of divine institution, given us as "tokens," "signs," and "seals" of some of the most fundamental, vital, and precious truths of the Bible, that we as Christians are not at liberty to esteem them lightly, much less to ignore them; and that we should be governed by our Articles of Faith, the discipline and the Bible and not by the notions, whims, caprices, or prejudices of men. If we really believe what we profess we are morally bound to teach it. If we do not believe it, then we ought to formulate a new creed that we do believe to be consistent. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DOSIER,
N. M. MODLIN.

On motion of A. W. Lineberry, 10 o'clock Saturday was set apart to consider our college interests.

On motion of W. A. Bunch, S. V. Pickens was asked to make a statement as a member of the committee to look after certain property in Ashevilie.

Characters of J. B. Tarlton, W. C. Lassiter, and J. D. Williams were passed.

Report of the Committee on Ordinances was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Correspondence was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Colleges was adopted.

The president appointed the same committee as the special committee recommended in the report.

The Conference heard F. T. Tagg on behalf of the *Methodist Protestant.*

On motion of T. J. Ogburn, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to investigate and report on the advisability of holding the Christian Endeavor rally in connection with the Conference.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by N. M. Modlin.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference was opened with singing.

C. L. Whitaker led in prayer.

The educational mass meeting was the order of the day. "Our Educational Need" was the subject for discussion. Addresses were heard from J. S. Williams, T. M. Johnson, R. T. Pickens and S. Simpson.

Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—Nov. 23rd.—Morning Session.

In the absence of the president Conference was called to order by the secretary.

On motion, T. J. Ogburn was elected president *pro tem.* T. J. Ogburn being absent T. M. Johnson was elected temporary chairman.

J. H. Stowe conducted religious exercises.

The Committee on Boundaries read their report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Boundaries, beg leave to make the following report:

1. LaGrange circuit wants a mission made of Oak Grove church. We recommend this to the consideration of the president.
2. We recommend that Albemarle mission be made a circuit.
3. We recommend that Winston circuit and Yadkin College circuit be consolidated, and be known as Winston circuit; and we further recommend that Union Grove, Fairview and Gravel Hill be dropped from the list of appointments.
4. We recommend that the appointment at Charlotte be attached to the Mecklenburg circuit.
5. We recommend that Maple Grove be detached from Burlington mission and attached to Gibsonville mission, and that the latter be made a circuit and known as Gibsonville circuit.
6. We recommend that Union Grove be detached from Mocksville circuit and be attached to Yadkin circuit.
7. We recommend that Lexington appointment be dropped from High Point and Lexington mission, and that High Point church be known as High Point mission.
8. We recommend that the other fields remain as they are.

T. T. FERREE, *Chairman.*
R. R. ROSS, *Secretary.*

The Committee on Bible Cause read their report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Bible cause, our relation as a Conference to the American Bible Society, and our duty to co-operate in some earnest and practical manner in sustaining said Society, and thereby aiding in the great work of circulating the pure Word of God, beg leave to report:

1. That we, in common with Protestant denominations of every name, are deeply indebted to the American Bible Society for having

for the past seventy-nine years been engaged in the work of producing and placing within reach of the humblest substantial and readable copies of the Holy Scriptures at the lowest possible price, besides making numerous grants of Bibles and testaments to those who were too poor to pay for them.

2. That this great benevolent society has extended its work to foreign lands where, in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society, it has translated the Bible and portions of the Bible into more than two hunbred languages and dialects, printed the same, and furnished appliances for their circulation among those who were perishing for the Bread of Life.

3. With these important facts before us, and the additional fact that the good offices of the society are still greatly needed among us; *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Conference the following action:

1. That all pastors be required to present the Bible cause and take up a collection in each of their churches once every year.

2. That the blanks fnrnished for the Conference of 1896 contain a separate column in which to report these collections, and that each subsequent Conference shall have a standing committee on the Bible cause to consider and report upon this object.

3. That all our ministers and people be urged to co-operate with the American Bible Society in its work of circulating the Scriptures, especially in its efforts to supply Sunday school children with the whole Bible, which the society offers to sell at half price to such children as can read and do not own the Bible.

4. We religiously believe that we, as a denomination, will be derelict in duty and neglectful of a most valuable opportunity should we fail to align ourselves with this great evangelistic agency and place ourselves in touch with its work of circulating in our land and elsewhere the pure Word of God.

Most respectfully,
J. L. MICHAUX.
W. C. HAMMER.
J. M. LINDLEY.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

"Our College Interests" was declared to be the order of the day.

The special committee on the indebtedness of Yadkin College reported:

We have had this matter under careful consideration and find ourselves at a loss to know what to recommend as the best plan by which to relieve it from its indebtedness. But after canvassing the

4. That any charge in the district requiring the presence of the president shall pay his expenses.

5. That in assessing the supplemental salary of the president upon the various charges a surplus of fifty dollars be laid, upon which the president may draw for actual expenses in going to and from points in the district to attend to general church work other than meeting with the District Conferences.

An ammendment was offered requiring the president to travel. Amendment adopted.

J. W. Wellons and Dr. Herndon, fraternal messengers from the Christian church, were introduced to the Conference, and were tendered seats within the bar.

The Financial Committee made their report. which was adopted:

Your Committee on Finance make the followink report: This subject has been discussed through *Our Church Record* during the year, and we trust much good has been accomplished thereby: but no plan spoken of in the discussion seems to have met the approval of all, neither does your committee hope to do so. but recommend the following:

1. That our pastors demand such a salary at the first Quarterly Conference as they have reasons to believe the charge is able to pay.

2. Pastors should unhesitatingly preach on the subject of rendering unto God the things which are God's. If preachers fail to preach on this subject they rob God, and if the laity fail to render unto God that which belongs to Him according to their ability they do likewise, so let both preacher and layman take heed as to his duty toward God.

3. Recognizing the need of more money, we insist that the pastors faithfully look after all the collections to be taken. and the way to get others to give is to be liberal ourselves.

4. We further recommend that the assessment per member be as follows: Foreign Missions. 10 cents: Local Missions. 10 cents: Home Missions. 10 cents. and that the other collections be taken as may seem best to the pastor.

5. We sincerely ask that all pastors and delegates at their first Quarterly Conference adopt the individual assessment plan for raising the president and pastor's salary. and that the stewards be prompt and faithful in their collections that the pastor may receive the amount due. at least quarterly.

6. Your committee believes it would be a stimulus both to pastor and people to have the financial reports read in open Conference.

7. We recommend that the president's salary be $1,000, apportioned as follows:

Asheboro and Cedar Falls	$25.00
Albemarle	12.00
Alamance	35.00
Buncombe	25.00
Burlington	5.00
Catawba	15.00
Chatham	15.00
Caldwell	10.00
Cleveland	25.00
Davidson	30.00
Flat Rock	40.00
Flag Springs	30.00
Forsythe	30.00
Granville	30.00
Guilford	25.00
Greenville	20.00
Gibsonville	10.00
Greensboro Station	15.00
Halifax	30.00
Henderson Station	35.00
Haw River	33.00
High Point	10.00
Littleton	20.00
LaGrange	20.00
Liberty	20.00
Lincoln	25.00
Mocksville	20.00
Mecklenburg	20.00
Monroe	8.00
Mt. Hermon	35.00
North Granville	30.00
Orange	25.00
Pee Dee	10.00
Randolph	20.00
Roanoke	20.00
Randleman and Worthville	20.00
Saxapahaw	15.00
Surry	20.00
Stanly	20.00
Spring Church	10.00
Tabernacle	35.00
Tar River	15.00
Uwharrie	22.00
Winston Station	15.00
Winston Circuit	30.00
Westfield	2.00
Wadesboro	7.00
Yadkin	10.00

C. A. CECIL, *Chm'n*,
W. C. KENNETT.
J. A. SPENCER,
O. A. HANNER, *Sec.*

The Committee on Temperance again gave their report. which was adopted.

The following were elected alternate delegates to the General Conference: J. F. Dosier. W. F. Kennett, J. L. Michaux and C. L. Whitaker.

The following were elected lay delegates to the General Conferencee: F. R. Harris, O. R. Cox. A. M. Rankin, R. T. Pickens, J. C. Roberts. J. M. Hadley. W. P. Pickett. J. L. Ogburn, J. Norman Wills.

The following were elected as alternate lay delegates in the order mentioned. except that M. F. Fox and J. S. Hunter each received the same number of votes: B. Davidson. M. F. Fox. J. S. Hunter and R. R. Ross.

The committee on Kansas city University made their report:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the Kansas City Univertity enterprise would report as follows:

1. The offer of Dr. S. F. Mather. of Kansas City. Kan., seems to present a providential opportunity for the establishment of our church in the west, and for giving a new impetus to our work throughout the denomination. Our success in this movement will prove a benefit and an inspiration to the whole church.

2. In view of the fact that all sections of the church will be advantageously affected by the success of this enterprise, we recommend that pastors and people of the North Carolina Conference extend to this movement their sympathy, and such co-operation in the way of financial assistance as they may be able to give.

3. We recommend, further, that opportunity be given publicly for such individuals present as care to do so to give pledges to the building fund of this institution.

Respectfully submitted.

F. R. HARRIS.
M. F. FOX.
J. S. HUNTER.

The report was adopted.

On motion of D. A. Highfill. G. E. Hunt was restored to membership in the Conference.

Conference proceeded to discuss the Publishing House interest.

On motion, 9:30 o'clock Monday was set a part to discuss this matter.

R. B. Hanner was elected treasurer of money collected for colleges.

J. L. Ogburn was elected treasurer of money collected for superannuates.

Conference voted to hold a session after the Christian Endeavor rally to-night.

Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference called to order by the president, *pro tem.*

Report of committee on Pastoral work was adopted.

Report of committee on Sunday-schools was read and adopted:

We consider that the importance of earnest Sunday-school work is too well known by this body to need any commendation by your committee.

Our statistics show that the work is not what it ought to be; therefore we recommend that our pastors make special effort to get a larger per cent. of our adult members to take an interest in Sunday-school work.

Also to organize Sunday-schools in communities remote from churches, and to get our churches to run their schools throughout the year. We recommend the use of "Our Own" literature and consider the use of any other as an act of disloyalty deserving the censure of this Conference.

J. H. STOWE,
J. H. MOTON,
R. N. THOMPSON,
J. M. LINDLEY.

Report of committee on Bible Cause was adopted.

The Examining Board made their second partial report:

1. Bro. J. L. Jiles was recommended for the itinerancy by the Randleman circuit. We decline, in view of the crowded state of our ranks, to recommend him.

2. Bro. W. A. Crews comes to us recommended for orders and

the itinerancy. We recommend him to the president's employment, provided he shall need his services.

3. William Porter is admitted to the class of first year, and recommended to the stationing authority.

4. C. H. Whitaker, A. L. Hunter and J. R. Walton have passed on Rhetoric. Bro. A. L. Hunter also passed on Ralston.

5. Bro. W. O. Davis is admitted to the class of the first year, and recommended to the president.

6. W. D. Fogleman, R. E. Davis and H. L. Powell have passed on Bassett and "The Pastor Amidst His Flock." R. E. Davis also passed on "Binney." These brethren are passed to class of third year, but required to study "Broadus."

J. W. Wellons addressed the Conference on behalf of the Christian church.

Conference adjourned with prayer by W. F. Ashburn.

FIFTH DAY—NOV. 25TH—MORNING SESSION.

Conference called to order by the President.

Riligious exercises were conducted by J. R. Betts.

On motion of F. R. Harris, the order of the day for adjournment at 11 o'clock was indefinitely postponed, and that hour set apart to hear T. E. Coulbourn on behalf of Foreign Missions.

On motion the Publishing House was made the order of the day for 2:30 o'clock to-day.

Discussion of Concord church was declared to be the order of the day for this hour.

On motion of W. F. McDowell the Concord church was referred to the Committee on Boundaries for consideration.

Committee on Literature made their report which was adopted:

The character of any people may be safely judged by what they read. Not only may this be considered an accurate index to the condition, moral and spiritual, of any people, but it is also to be regarded as a mighty power in moulding or influencing their characters and in directing their thoughts and energies.

The high standard maintained in the literature issued by our church is well known, and is a source of gratification to all who love our church. But in order that it may accomplish the desired end this is not all that is necessary; it must be circulated.

1. We urge that Our Own literature be used in all our Sunday-schools, and that the young people's and children's papers be circulated as thoroughly as possible. We also commend the *Methodist Recorder* as worthy of the consideration of our people. We recognize the *Methodist Protestant* as having the first claim upon us as a connectional organ. Its vigorous, aggressive policy must win approval from our people in this State and elsewhere. We urge the necessity of using every reasonable effort to circulate it. and recommend that our pastors be requested to communicate news items of interest to it from time to time.

2. We recommend that a memorial to the General Conference be prepared requesting them to appoint a committee, at its next session, to investigate the feasibility of consolidating our publishing interests and issuing one general organ; said committee to report at the time and in the manner designated by the General Conference.

3. To the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina the most vital question in this connection, is that which pertains to the success of *Our Church Record*. The paper has been before us for a year. It has proved to be all that was expected. or that could be asked. Yet we know that the work has been done under great disadvantages, and at a great personal sacrifice to its editor. Yet from this he asks no relief, but only that it may be made possible for him to continue his work in behalf of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina. The future success—indeed we may say the very life—of our church is dependent upon the education of its people. No more potent agency for the accomplishment of this end could be devised than that which we find in *Our Church Record*. In order that this enterprise may be made permanent, it has been proposed that a lot be purchased in the city of Greensboro, and a building erected thereon, to be devoted to our publishing interests. We recommend that this proposition be accepted, with the following modifications, additions, and conditions:

First, that the lot and buildings shall be the property of this Conference, and shall be forever devoted to the publishing interests of our church in this State.

Second, that it shall be controlled by a board of trustees. to be elected by the contributors to the building fund, the number of votes of each contributor to be regulated by the amount of his contribution.

Third, that the approximate cost of building and lot shall be Five Thousand Dollars.

Fourth, that a committee of three be appointed to raise the funds necessary for the accomplishment of this plan, and we recommend that it shall be the duty of pastors in the State to co-operate with them fully.

Fifth, that all subscriptions, when so desired, be made payable in four equal installments, the last payment not to be made later than July 1st, 1896.

Sixth, we recommend that a Publishing Committee of five be appointed by this conference, with terms of office of one, two, three, four, and five years, and at the expiration of the term of any member of this committee, his successor shall be elected for five years. We commend this enterprise to the careful and prayerful consideration, and the most earnest and vigorous effort of this Conference. The opportunity is one of which our church cannot afford to fail to avail itself.

Seventh, that such part of the building as may be required, be devoted to the publication of *Our Church Record*, and the rental from the remainder, after the payment of tax and insurance, accrue to the Publisher during the life of the contract contemplated in his proposition, and after that, be directed in such manner as shall be determined by the contributors in forming the articles of incorporation for the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. KENNETT,
D. A. HIGHFILL,
G. F. MILLAWAY,
A. N. ROBERSON,
J. S. HUNTER.

Committee on Fraternal Relations made their report:

1. We have had with us at this session Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, who comes also in the capacity of a fraternal messenger from the Maryland Conference; and it is but just to say of his fraternal address, delivered on Thursday evening, that it was clear, logical, eloquent, instructive, and highly edifying, and will linger as a memory with all who were so fortunate as to hear it. Be it *Resolved*: That we esteem these relations with the time honored and historic Conference of Maryland as not only pleasant, but profitable, and, as such, worthy to be cherished and perpetuated for mutual encouragement and connectional upbuilding and we are gratified at the appointment of messengers to bear our cordial greetings to the Maryland Conference in its next annual session.

2. We have had with us also Rev. J. W. Wellons, a fraternal messenger, from the N. C. and Va. Conference of the Christian Church, whose brotherly greetings the Conference has very properly reciprocated by the appointment of messengers to bear our greetings to his Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. MICHAUX, *Chm'n.*

Committee appointed to confer with a like Committee from the Christian church made their report.

We, the commissioners of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant church, and of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, Christian church, in joint session, find from our mutual consultation on the subject of organic union that while there appears to be no doctrinal or governmental principle in the way which would not be adjusted, there are certain legal obstructions which appear insurmountable. Much to our regret, therefore, we find that the utmost which we can expect now to effect, is to recommend to our respective Conferences co-operative union.

1. We most respectfuly recommend co-operation in literary and educational work, in the operations of the pastorate, and in local or Conference missions.

2. We recommend in reference to our educational interest, that a committee of five from each of the above mentioned Conferences be appointed who, together with the trustees of the schools and colleges represented by the Conferences, shall constitute a commission whose duty it shall be to formulate plans for co-operation and report to next Conference.

3. We recommend some plan, similar to the above mentioned, to formulate a basis for co-operation of publications.

4. We recommend that in case of societies of either conference, situated remote from other socities of the same denomination, but near to socities of the other denomination, that in such cases, they may co-operate with the more convenient socities in arranging for pastoral supply by consent of the contracting authority.

5. We futher recommend to the Conferences of the two churches respectively the appointment of committees, with the like special design, viz: to prevent the "building of alter against alter," as happens when both the Methodist Protestant Church and the Christian Church attempt a simultaneous establishment, with material and surroundings which give no promise of success where the two churches appear on the same ground, and must be hurtful to one of the two—most likely to both—with no other result of a compensatory nature to justify the seperate movement.

The office of these committees would be to consider such movements, where they are known to be in contemplation, and devise, if practicable, a remedy in the withdrawal of one of the parties in favor of the other, and the consolidation of effort in the gospel work which each proposed to do separatly.

6. We do not feel prepared to recommend any special plan for co-operation in mission work, but think that the work would suggest its own remedy in the application of the above mentioned recommendations. O. R. COX.

On motion of J. N. Garrett, money collected for colleges was ordered applied to the debt on Yadkin College.

M. F. Fox offered a resolution as follows :

Resolved, That the Legislature be asked to annul the charter of Yadkin College and that it be known as Yadkin High School.

2. That its present Trustees be hereby asked to resign and that they be hereafter elected by this Conference.

On motion the resolution was referred to a special committee, viz: R. T. Rickens, M. F. Fox, J. S. Hunter.

T. E. Coulburn addressed the Conference.

Committee on Statistics made their report. Report adopted.

The Superannuated Fund Society made their report and the report was adopted:

The Superannuated Fund Society of the M. P. Church, N. C. Conference, met at Greensboro, in Grace Church, on the 22nd day of November, 1895, during the sitting of the Annual Conference. Members present, C. F. Harris, J. L. Ogburn, J. W. Heath, and W. W. Amick. J. C. Roberts made J. L. Ogburn his proxy and Ed. Wills made W. W. Amick his proxy. C. F. Harris, president of the board, in the chair. A letter from Ed. Wills, the agent in Halifax county, was read in which he reports and sends ($25.80) twenty-five dollars and eighty cents. The whole amount collected was thirty dollars, of the amount of the loan for 1895, tax $4.20, leaving $25.80, the amount acknowledged above. On motion it was decided to ask the Conference to appropriate the money on hand, viz: $25.80, to the benefit of Rev. C. F. Harris in addition to the amount that may be allowed him from the annual collections for worn-out ministers. Also to direct the treasurer, W. O. Donnell, to pay over the said amount to Rev. C. F. Harris. A motion to send the money, on hand, to the treasurer, W. O. Donnell by the hands of J. L. Ogburn.

A motion to adjourn. Carried. C. F. HARRIS, *Prest.*

W. W. AMICK, *Secretary pro tem.*

On motion 2 o'clock was set apart to hear Benjamin Stout on behalf of Home Missions.

Report of the Auditing Committee was presented and re-committed.

The Local Missionary Soceity made their report, which was adopted.

On motion the president appointed a Publishing Committee.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order.

Character of J. S. Williams was passed.

J. E. Hartsell was granted leave of absence.

Conference heard Benjamin Stout.

On motion of J. S. Hunter, the Publishing House Interest was committed to a committee of three. The President appointed F. R. Harris, J. S. Hunter, O. R. Cox.

R. H. Brooks, of Greensboro, was elected treasurer of Publishing House funds.

The following resolution was presented.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Executive Committee of the Christian Endeavor Union as to the feasibility of having a Summer Conference for our ministers, in connection with the Annual Convention or Rally of the Methodist Protestant C. E. Union of N. C., said committee to have the power to appoint and arrange the Conference if, in their judgment, it shall be deemed practicable and desirable.

T. M. JOHNSON,
W. F. KENNETT,
C. L. WHITAKER.

Resolution was lost.

R. T. Pickens offered the following: That a committee of appeals consisting of three ministers and three laymen be elected to whom any member of this Confereuce who represents any charge, or any minister who may be assigned to any charge in the district may appeal from the report of the Stationing Committee. And the decision of said Committee shall be the report of the Stationing Committee as to the question concerning which the appeal is taken.

Also, that any minister left without an appointment may so appeal.

The report of the Boundary Committee was reconsidered and item 4 was re-committed.

The special committee on Ministerial Education made their report:

Your committee appointed to inquire into the Ministerial Education funds collected in North Carolina, beg leave to report: That the funds have been sent to beneficiaries at Yadkin College High School and Western Medical College.

From the data at hand your committee cannot tell what would be the effect of paying the amounts raised, for this purpose, in North Carolina, into the common fund of the General Conference for Ministerial Education. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Report was adopted.

On motion W. C. Kennett, C. A. Cecil and D. A. Highfill were appointed to disburse money collected for Superannuates.

Special Committee on Yadkin College reported:

WHEREAS the general interestof the church demands the settlement of the Yadkin College indebtedness, and whereas it is the sense of this Conference that we should have under our immediate control a school commensurate with present needs: therefore be it

Resolved. 1. That the one thousand dollars to be raised be apportioned to the various pastoral charges pro rata as the president's salary.

2. That each minister be charged with the duty of faithfully presenting this church school enterprise as other special enterprises and of collecting the amount assessed upon his work.

3. That all money collected for this purpose be received upon condittion that the school property and the church be released from the entire indebtedness.

4. That when the indebtedness is paid, or at the next sitting of the Conference the present Board of Trustees of Yadkin College are

asked to convey to this Conference through a Board of Trustees elected by this body, the entire property there, thereafter to be under the immediate control of the annual Conference, and the trustees of the same to be elected by this body under such regulations as may hereafter be enacted by the Conference.

5. That all pledges taken by pastors be reported through *Our Church Record* as soon as taken.

6. That the next Legislature be asked to annul the charter of Yadkin College and that it be known hereafter as Yadkin High School.

M. F. FOX,
R. T. PICKENS,
J. S. HUNTER.

F. R. Harris presented the following Memorial, which was referred to a special committee, viz: J. F. McCulloch, T. M. Johnson, R. T. Pickens.

The North Carolina Annual Conference in session at Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 1895, prays that you will resind former action in regard to this Conference and the Ministerial Education fund and grant to us that we may have the same standing before the Board of Ministerial Education as if such action had never been taken.

R. T. Pickens presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, We have been so kindly entertained during this Conference, be it

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Conference be tendered to the families of this city for the cordial hospitality with which they have received and entertained us.

Resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

J. S. Williams was appointed treasurer to receive money for Theological Seminary.

Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference called to order by the President.

Superannuate Fund Committee reported:

Your committee to disburse the money for Superannuates reports as follows:

R. R. Michaux	$ 56.57
C. F. Harris	29.86
Miss Mattie Albright	15.00
Mrs. Jas. Deans, Sr.	20.00
Mrs. A. J. Laughlin	12.00
	$133.43

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. KENNETT,
C. A. CECIL,
D. A. HIGHFILL.

T. J. Ogburn offered this resolution:

It is the sense of this Conference that the Christian Endeavor Rally should not be held during the session of the Conference.

The Faculty made their third partial report:

C. H. Whitaker has passed on "The Pastor Amidst His Flock" and on "Binney's Compend."

W. D. Fogleman has passed on "Broadus."

T. J. OGBURN, *Secretary.*

C. L. Whitaker came before the Conference and was excused from paying the full ten per cent. of his salary on his indebtedness to the Ministerial Educational Board.

The Committee on Missions made their report:

Your committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:

The missionary work of the church is the result of the direct commands of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The church can never measure up to its privilege or duty that does not "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." As a Conference we cannot afford to take a backward step in this work. We need to preach frequently on the subject, develop a more active interest among our people, and steadily increase our collections.

We are glad that the missionary force in the foreign field has been increased, and that among the missionaries this Conference has honorable representation. We are glad also that the Board of Foreign Missions is looking toward China as a new field for missionary enterprise.

We think the Children's Day service should be observed in every Sunday-school, and the children carefully instructed in the scriptural requirements as to missions.

We believe the assessments of the Board should be fully met and, if possible, increased. It is apparent that we need soon to double our force in the work if we honestly intend to be obedient to the Master's command. We wish also to endorse the character and work of the secretary, who has faithfully performed all the duties committed to his hands.

The Home Mission Board is constantly confronted with new and splendid opportunities for the extension of our work. The lack of funds alone prevents the Board from occupying eligible and promising fields that are constantly opening to the church. As we occupy these fields we widen our borders and strengthen our stakes. We must develop this work if we hope to give strength, increase, and power to our cause.

The Board is now embarrassed for want of funds. It has attempted to respond to so many calls, in the faith that the church would cordially co-operate in the work, that all of its obligations cannot now be met. We urge that the Conference consider the gravity of the call upon it and the needs of the work, and that it respond to the call of the Board by raising all the money that has been assessed upon it.

We also commend the Easter offering service, and urge that our preachers make an honest presentation of the character and needs of this great work.

We commend the work of Secretary Stout, and assure him of our cordial sympathy and co-operation in the work he is so faithfully prosecuting.

T. J. OGBURN,
C. L. BROWN.

Report adopted.

Boundary committee presented their final report. Report adopted.

Board of church extension reported:

Amount collected from fields of labor......................	$287.64
Amount collected at Annual Conference....................	173.65
Total in hand November 25th, 1895,.........................	$461.29

Disbursed as follows:

To A. W. Lineberry, Gibsonville mission	$ 92.20
To W. A. Bunch, Burlington mission,	186.00
To W. R. Lowdermilk, High Point mission	75.00
To Burlington Church	42.72
To Bethany Church, Haw River circuit	20.00
To Liberty Church, Liberty circuit	45.37
	$461.29

W. A. BUNCH, *Chm'n*,
T. J. OGBURN, *Sec.*
B. DAVIDSON,
W. W. AMICK.

A report of the special committee on the memorial to the General Conference was adopted:

The committee appointed to report on the resolution asking the Conference to memorialize the General Conference as to the relation of the North Carolina Annual Conference to the Board of Ministerial Education would report as follows:

We recommend the following as a substitute for the paper submitted to us: That this Conference memorialize the Board of Ministerial Education to return to Revs. T. M. Johnson, J. S. Williams and W. R. Lowdermilk the money and notes received from them, that the money and notes may be placed at the disposal of those from whom the beneficiaries named received aid, inasmuch as these notes and money were placed in the hands of the Board of Ministerial Education through a misunderstanding.

We further recommend that this Conference recognize through a vote of appreciation the liberality of the Henderson brethren and others in contributing to the support of young men preparing for the ministry in North Carolina.

J. F. McCULLOCH,
T. M. JOHNSON,
R. T. PICKENS.

The President appointed as a committee to confer with a like committee from the Chrisiian church concerning co-operation in education: J. L. Michaux, T. J. Ogburn. J. F. McCulloch, J. Allen Holt, M. F. Fox.

The following were elected as Committee on Appeals: J. L. Michaux, C. A. Pickens, W. W. Amick, J. A. Spencer, J. E. Burroughs.

J. S. Dunn moved that we return our thanks to the railroad companies for reduced rates on their roads. Carried.

J. S. Williams was appointed publishing committee.

S. C. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Seeing the need of educating the rank and file of our church, in order that we may fulfill our great mission—to develop the indiuidual.

Resolved, That we urge the pastors to look out worthy, needy young men and young women.

2. That they solicit funds, to be paid to the secretary of the Quarterly Conference, who shall act as treasurer.

3. That said fund shall constitute a loan fund to defray the expenses in some preparatory school of such person or persons as the pastor and secretary may designate.

4. That the persons thus aided shall pay back into said loan fund the principal, with interest beginning one year from date of quitting school in order that others may be aided.

Adopted.

Stationing Committee reported. Report was considered by items, amended and adopted:

Charge.	*Pastor.*	*Post Office.*
Alamance	W. F. McDowell	Asheboro
Albemarle	To be supplied	
Asheboro and Cedar Falls	C. A. Cecil	Asheboro
Buncombe	J. R. Savage	Weaverville
Burlington	J. G. W. Holloway	Burlington
Cleveland	J. H. Moton	Falston
Chatham	W. W. Amick	Liberty
Catawba	W. D. Fogleman	Gastonia
Caldwell	Unsupplied	
Davidson	N. M. Modlin	Bunch
Flag Springs	J. R. Betts	Why-Not
Flat Rock	T. J. Ogburn	Summerfield
Forsyth	J. F. Dosier	Dosier
Greensboro	J. S. Williams	Greensboro
Granville	C. L. Whitaker	Kittrell
Greenville and Spring Church	H. S. B. Thompson	Ante, Va.
Gibsonville	A. W. Linberry	Greensboro
Guilford	C. A. Pickens	Lexington
Henderson	T. M. Johnson	Henderson
High Point	W. R. Lowdermilk	High Point
Haw River	C. E. M. Raper	Guilford College

Charge.	*Pastor.*	*Post Office.*
Halifax	H. L. Powell	Brinkleyville
Ivy	O. P. Routh	Democrat
LaGrange	W. E. Swain	LaGrange
Lincoln	W. F. Kennett	
Liberty	J. R. Hutton	Climax
Littleton	C. H. Whitaker	Litlleton
Mecklenburg	I. I. York	Matthews
Monroe	G. H. Austen	Monroe
Mocksville	J. N. Garrett	Yadkin College
Mt. Herman	W. F. Ashburn	Oakdale
N. Granville	Wm. Porter	Dabney
Orange	W. M. Pike	Mebane
Pee Dee	J. B. Tarlton	Mt. Gilead
Randleman	E. A. Plyler	Randleman
Randolph	G. F. Millaway	Julian
Roanoke	W. L. Harris	Enfield
Saxapahaw	J. D. Williams	Saxapahaw
Stanley	W. C. Lassiter	Plyler
Surry	W. C. Hammer	Culler
Tabernacle	J. E. Hartsell	Tabernacle
Tar River	W. O. Davis	Whitakers
Uwharrie	J. R. Walton	Thomasville
Winston	L. L. Albright	Winston
Wadesboro	H. D. Garmon	Peachland
Westfield	J. L. Johnson	
Yadkin	A. L. Hunter	East Bend

Superannuated—J. L. Michaux, R. R. Michaux, C. F. Harris.

Professor at West Maryland College—S. Simpson.

Editor of *Our Church Record*—J. F. McCulloch.

Left Without Appointment at thier own Request—D. A. Highfill, W. C. Kennett, W. T. Totten, R. R. Hanner, T. F. McCulloch.

Left in the Hands of the President—W. P. Martin, J. S. Dunn, R. E. Davis.

Supernumerary on Tabernacle Circuit—J. W. Heath.
" " Lierty " G. W. Bowman.
" " Littleton " D. A. Fishel.
" " Stanley " W. W. Russell.
" " Guilford " S. A. Cecil.

On motion the consideration of the report of the Stationing committee was waived until the committee on Appeals could report.

W. C. Kennett's resignation as a member of the faculty was accepted.

J. D. Williams offered the following:

Resolved, That the ministry in North Carolina be urged to give due attention to the care of superannuated ministers.

Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Conference, tender to J. S. Williams, pastor of Grace church, our sincere thanks for his earnest, arduous and successful efforts to secure us the cheery and home-like hospitality of the families that have so kindly entertained us.

E. A. PLYLER,
T. J. OGBURN.

J. S. Williams was excused from paying ten per cent. of his salary to the Board of Ministerial Education.

On motion, J. L. Michaux, A. W. Lineberry, and W. F. Ashburn were elected fraternal messengers to the North Carolina-Virginia Conference of the Christian Church.

Auditing committee reported:

The following report shows the state of the account between the several beneficiaries and this Annual Conference:

W. E. SWAIN.

1894, Nov. 27th, Amount due	$66.90
1895, Cr. by cash	16.60
Still due	$50.30

C. L. WHITAKER.

1894, Nov. 29th, Amount due	$72.11
1895, Cr. by cash	17.11
Still due	$55.00

N. M. MODLIN.

1894, Nov. 29th, Amount due	$90.00
1895, Nov. 26th, Cr. by cash	12.00
Still due	$78.00

REV. J. S. WILLIAMS.

1894. Nov. 26th. Amount due	$187.50
1895. Nov. 26th. Cr. by cash	50.00
Still due	$137.50

W. F. ASHBURN.

1894. Nov. 26th, Amount due	$129.32
1895, Cr. by cash	35.00
Still due	$ 94.32

J. D. WILLIAMS.

1894, Nov. 26th, Amount due	$190.00

H. S. B. THOMPSON.

1894, Nov. 26th, Amount due,	$40.00
1895, Cr. by cash	27.00
Still due	$13.00

W. O. DAVIS.

1894, Nov. 26th, Amount due	$86.00

J. R. WALTON.

1894, March 26th. Amount due	$45.00
1895, Nov. 23rd, Cr. by cash	20.60
Still due	$24.40

J. M. SIMPSON.

1894, Nov. 26th, Amount due	$40.00

J. L. MICHAUX,
G. C. HINE,
G. B. JOHNSON.

Minutes read, amended and approved.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1896.

T. M. Johnson made the closing prayer.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPO

STORAL CHARGE.	Pastor's Claim	Pastor Rec'd	Deficit.	President's Claim.	President Received.	Paid Previous Pastor.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	N. C. Mission.	Children's Day.	Cl nsion.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Colleges.	Theological Seminary.	Building and Repairing Churches.	Building and Repairing Parsonages.	Miscellaneous	Grand Total.
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River	415 00	426 00	......	35 00	31 00	8 25	55 00	4 00	......	......	10 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	......	175 00	......	12 00	728 2
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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—NOVEMBER 18TH.

MORNING SESSION.

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its seventy-first session in Burlington, Nov. 18, 1896, and was called to order at 10:30 a m. by President W. A. Bunch.

Hymn, "And are We yet Alive," was sung. President Bunch read the second chapter of 2nd Peter, and led in prayer.

"Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung. Bro. J. S. Dunn led in prayer, and Bro. W. F. Kennett led in prayer, and "The Year of Jubilee" was then sung.

On motion, reading of President's report was postponed till immediately afternoon.

The bar of Conference was fixed to include all seats in front of stoves except center row, and one there.

The President appointed as Committee on Credentials: J. S. Dunn, N. M. Modlin, John Snotherly.

The order of the day for election of President was deferred to 10 a. m., Thursday.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following partial report of delegates elected, which was adopted:

Spring Church, Willie B. Crews; Albemarle, G. H. Leary; Greenville, I. W. Moss; Flat Rock, W. W. Hunter; Surry, W. N. Brown; Granville, E. C. Harris; Ivy, J. Ed. Swaim; Tabernacle, J. H. Sharp; Chatham, L. L. Wren; Buncombe, Dr. J. N. Gill; Davidson, John Snotherly.

The hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows: to meet at 9:30 a. m., take a recess at 11:45 a. m., meet at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at pleasure, meet at 7:30 p. m., adjourn at pleasure.

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On motion of E. C. Harris, the pastors, immediately after the fourth Quarterly Conference, are to certify the Secretary of the Annual Conference the delegates elected and the Annual Conference is to be organized on the certified list made up by the Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 1:30, President Bunch in the chair.

Order of day was deferred 30 minutes. The following were elected Standing District Committee: W. W. Amick, Jeremiah Hunter, J. L. Michaux, W. O. Donnell, O. R. Cox.

The President announced the following Committees:

FACULTY—J. F. McCulloch, W. A. Bunch, W. C. Kennett, W. E. Swain, T. F. McCulloch, J. F. Dosier, W. F. Kennett, J. H. Stowe.

MISSIONS—J. L. Michaux, W. M. Pike, W. C. Kennett, W. W. Hunter, J. H. Sharp.

COLLEGES—W. W. Amick, W. F. Ashburn, N. M. Modlin, R. L. Boyles, C. P. Patterson.

LITERATURE—L. L. Albright, J. R. Savage, I. I. York, G. S. Kernodle, S. H. Satterwhite.

FINANCE—W. F. Kennett, W. L. Harris, R. H. Brooks, A. J. Harris, G. H. Biggs.

TEMPERANCE—C. L. Whitaker, J. F. McCulloch, J. R. Hutton, N. G. Bethea, Willie Crew.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—T. M. Johnson, W. F. McDowell, C. E. M. Raper, W. K. Hartsell, N. M Harrison.

BOUNDARIES—W. C. Hammer, R. L. Cox, Dr. A. H. Redding, Walter Bevans, M. F. Furr.

PASTORAL WORK—J. E. Hartsell, J. H. Moton, Wm. Stafford, G. H. Leary, S. A. Alexander.

ORDINANCES—C. A. Pickens, A. N. Roberson, R. L. Cox, D. W. Hartis, E. C. Harris.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR—J. S. Williams, G. F. Millaway, C. H. Whitaker, G. F. Crutchfield, Dr. J. N. Gill.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS—A. W. Lineberry, T. F. McCulloch, E. Payne, J. W. Bobbett.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—C. A. Cecil, W. E. Swain, W. P. Pickett, J. E. Swain, John Snotherly.

CORRESPONDENCE—J. N. Garrett, J. R. Betts, T. W. Moore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—J. F. Dosier, J. T. Hancock.

PULPIT SERVICE—J. G. W. Holloway, R. F. Williams, N. G. Bethea.

STATISTICS—H. S. B. Thompson, O. P. Routh.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS—W. C. Lassiter, J. H. Stowe.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER—C. A. Cecil, E. C. Harris, G. S. Kernodle.

The Committee on Temperance presented its report and it was amended and adopted :

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

We believe the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage to be a sin.

We do not believe that the State has the authority to license and thereby attempt to legalize sin.

We recognize the liquor traffic as robbery and murder, and will make no terms with it, but will wage, constantly, a war of extermination upon it.

We recommend that a Sunday as near to the fourth Sunday in November as practical be known as "Temperance Day," and that on that day pastors preach on the subject of Temperance, and in any other way possible assist in creating temperance sentiment.

CLIFTON L. WHITAKER,
N. G. BETHEA,
W. B. CREW,
J. F. McCULLOCH,
J. R. HUTTON.

The order of the day having arrived, the President read his report; it was referred, and his character was passed.

President's Report.

To the North Carolina Annual Conference, M. P. Church:—

DEAR BRETHREN,—Another year's work in the vineyard has been performed and we are gathered to render an account of our stewardship.

Immediately after the rise of last Conference, Rev. D. A. Braswell was assigned to Albemarle circuit, and Bro. R. E. Davis to Caldwell circuit. Bro. W. F. Kennett was released from Lincoln circuit in February and Bro. T. F. McCulloch assigned as pastor thereof. Bro. T. J. Ogburn was released from Flat Rock circuit in June, and Bro. W. F. Kennett assigned thereto.

On January the 6th, Rev. C. F. Harris, D. D., passed from labor to reward; thus a voice which had answered the roll-call of this Conference for fifty-three years is now silent in the tomb. On September the 23rd, Rev. S. A. Cecil was called to his reward. One by one are the older members of the Conference passing over the river to the rest on the other side. Obituaries of those brethren will be in readiness for presentation at this session.

I must rely upon the pastors' reports to supply you with the information respecting the general condition of the work, and confine myself in this report to those interests which require more special consideration.

Every part and position of the work has been viewed and considered; not only every charge, but also nearly every church has been visited, except Westfield Mission. I did not know where to find it, and without wishing to offer any expression of intended detriment, I fear that it is principally located upon the Annual Conference Journal.

I consider the district in good condition; the pastors, with but few exceptions, have been unusually faithful during the year; so far as your executive has been able to ascertain, they have been persistent in their efforts, save in the matter of reports to the president, which have been exceedingly meager, and most of those were made through the church paper. The Discipline requires reports made quarterly to the president by letter, and only items of general interest given to the church papers.

I would respectfully urge a more thorough study of the Constitution and Discipline of the Church; it is the great chart of the Mutual Rights of the ministry and laity. On an examination, I do not find the Constitution and Discipline in the course of study, save in the short and almost informal examination of candidates for admission to the class.

I would recommend that candidates for the ministry in this Conference be required to pass a full and satisfactory examination upon the book.

Would further recommend that ministers from other denominations, seeking membership in this Conference, be required to sustain a probationary relation to the Conference until they have passed a satisfactory examination upon the Book of Constitution and Discipline, and accepted the principles therein promulgated.

The executive is frequently asked to render decisions in matters of law, many of which a careful study should make plain to the understanding of even a limited intelligence.

No amount of literary culture or theological attainment can atone for an ignorance of the law of the church.

In view of the fact that the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) has through some of its ministers stealthily obtained possession of some of our church property, and not only refuse to surrender it, but also seek to further their unholy and unrighteous conquest, I recommend that this Conference rebuke such unprincipled deeds, by a resolution refusing the ministers and preachers of said church the use of any M. P. pulpit in the North Carolina District, until they relinquish said property, and prove themselves worthy of the recognition due even to unchristian gentlemen. This is not offered as a hurried freak of the imagination, but upon calm and deliberate consideration; for those who claim to be religious ought to be able to prove it by their works.

Some of our border work has been supplied for years, almost exclusively, with unordained men, greatly to the detriment of the church, on account of the inability of those pastors to administer the ordinances. The practice should be discontinued; either ordained men should be assigned to those fields, or the men assigned should be ordained. A resolution of this problem is a vital necessity, and I offer the following. If those charges which imperatively need an ordained pastor, have, in the awards of the committee, to be supplied with the unordained, then the unordained man,if he possess the requisite qualification outside the books in the course, should be ordained, but not elected to membership in the Conference, and his credentials should be granted upon the requirement, that he shall complete the course within a given time or surrender said credentials.

This would not vest said men with the same privileges of those who have been and are now being required to complete the course before ordination; therefore no special injustice done any one, while the church in some sections would be greatly blessed and strengthened thereby.

This is not offered in the interest of any man, or class of men, and if adopted, I would recommend special caution and prudence in its application.

The outlook for an increase of the ministerial ranks was perhaps never so flattering as at the present. We have four promising young men at Western Maryland College, two of whom will complete the course next June, and others in the district who would be in college but for want of means, and still others in preparatory schools, not yet ready to enter college. It appears that the Lord has answered the prayers of the church, to send laborers into the vineyard. It now behooves the church to offer an earnest prayer to the Lord of the harvest to open the heart and purse of the church, that the means shall be forthcoming to educate those young men and, thus far, equip them for the great battle against the powers of darkness.

Church extension is one of the most important interests of church work in the district, but the amount raised to prosecute the work is so meager, that the Board is at a loss to know whether to undertake any enterprise. I hope this session will be able to devise some means by which this branch of the service shall be greatly strengthened. Many doors are opening where the Board if supplied with the means could enter and accomplish great things for the church. Many of the country people are locating in the towns and cities, which are now the centers of population, and are annually growing more so. Here the burden of the future church work must be accomplished. The importance of planting our church in those commanding centers should not be overlooked nor lightly considered. The city of Charlotte is an inviting field for the mission work of this Conference; scores of our members have located there, and they ask for a pastoral supply the coming year. Henrietta, a new, growing and prosperous town, has also attracted quite a number of our members, and should engage your attention. The authority of Albemarle circuit has purchased a church building in the town of Edenton; this also will need your care. This old Albemarle circuit surely is the Rip Van Winkle of to-day, not in the sleep, but in the awakening. Other points of importance and promise might be mentioned for your consideration, but only to report, without the means to go forward and occupy, leaving them to take care of themselves by going to other folds, is an idle story not worth telling.

The Conference should feel especially proud of the splendid church extension work which has been accomplished in the recent past. In the past six years, we have organized societies and built church edifices in the towns of Greensboro, Asheboro, Liberty, Burlington, Gibsonville, High Point, New London, Creswell and McFarland, and the way opened to and work to some extent done in Siler City, Yadkinville, and Pinnacle. The work accomplished in those towns has added more to our prestige and influence as a denomination than the sixty-five years' work which had preceded it. The work of church building has in the recent past exceeded all other lines of church work in the district. To give you an adequate idea of the work done, we would have to include several years in the estimate, as many of the buildings were more than one year in course of erection. In the past seven years we have built forty-five churches and eleven parsonages, an average of more than six churches and nearly two parsonages per year. Nine of those churches and seven of those parsonages were built in the towns.

The question of boundaries is a delicate one. The Conference, in all boundary changes, has in view the general prosperity of the church as a whole. The churches immediately affected by those changes, in most instances, view the matter almost entirely from a local standpoint. Therefore all changes are attended with more or less friction. The Monroe circuit was divided at the La Grange Conference in 1893. It paid the pastor that year $200.00. The two circuits last year paid the two pastors $182.92. The circuit asked for the division, believing, as they claimed, that it would promote a development of the work; this we see has proven a failure. In view of the number of appointments embraced in the work, I would recommend that Mill Grove church be detached from Monroe circuit and attached to Stanley circuit, and that Monroe and Wadesboro circuits be consolidated. There are some changes desired in other portions of the district, but I am not sufficiently acquainted therewith to offer any suggestions.

The work of supplying the charges with pastors, known as "stationing the preachers," is by far the most important work of the Conference. It affects every preacher and every member of their families, breaks up social relations, incurs hardship, often demands an outlay beyond the preacher's ability to meet, and in some instances has a strong tendency to invite the wolf to the door. The preacher places his fate, for the year, in the hands of the committee. The committee should be removed from the probability of personal interest, and so formed that personal responsibility cannot be evaded.

In the formation of this important committee, you must either place all the charges, as well as all the ministers and preachers, in the hands of the committee, or place the committee in the hands of the ministers, preachers and charges. The one is pertinent, the other is impertinent; the one is authority to act, the other is a privilege to accept or reject overtures.

The law of the discipline should not be defeated in allowing the committee to leave a charge unsupplied, in order to make room for a local preacher, who on account of his inability cannot become a member of the Conference. If there are good reasons why a charge should be left unsupplied, they should be presented to and acted upon by the Conference, in advance of the stationing work; and no such prerogative should be conferred upon the committee.

I deem it unnecessary to make any report of or recommendation in respect to the Publishing House, inasmuch as the building committee has made a full statement of past work through the *Church Record*, and the trustees will report, together with recommendations, to this session.

I wish to call your attention to the *Methodist Protestant* and *Church Record*, the church papers constituting near the entire circulation in the district. A special effort should be made to increase the circulation of these papers; we need them to educate our people to a proper appreciation of the church. An unintelligent church is a weak church, numbers to the contrary, notwithstanding. A wide circulation of these papers throughout the district would greatly tend to breaking down the local views and practices of the church, and would elevate the membership to a higher Christian culture and moral tone.

The interests of finance, missions, literature, and some others, are in the hands of competent committees who will be able to give you the desired information respecting the same. The late Bro. Milton Coble, of Alamance county, bequeathed his entire estate to this Conference, to be used in the care of Superannuates. Prof. J. Allen Holt, of Oak Ridge, is executor to the will, and a report from him may be expected.

The General Conference, which met in Kansas City, the 15th of May last, submitted four overtures, to be acted upon by the Annual Conference. The full text of those overtures will be presented to this session in due form.

The year's work has required about eight thousand miles of travel, with eight hundred letters written. The executive work has to be done, almost entirely, through correspondence. However important the executive's presence may be, he cannot comply without sacrificing his salary. To make the executive a tax collector, to raise his own salary, is a humiliation to the man and a grave reflection upon the church, and should you accomplish nothing at this session except to remedy this evil, the work done will be a full compensation for the assembly of the Conference.

I return my hearty thanks to the Conference and the Church throughout the district for their kindness and co-operation during the year. The great mental care and physical strain, consequent upon such a task as lay before me, has been materially mitigated and rendered a pleasant task by the Christian-hearted cordiality extended me by pastors and people. But before all, above all, and beyond all, should our hearts swell with emotions of the profoundest gratitude to Him who said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." May the rich blessings of the Giver of every good and perfect gift rest upon you, and inspire you to adopt such measures at this session as shall abundantly bless the church, and materially extend the Redeemer's kingdom in the North Carolina District.

Your fellow laborer,

W. A. BUNCH.

The Conference proceeded to select place of holding its next session. Liberty and High Point were placed in nomination, and High Point was selected.

Committee on Credentials presented the following additional report of delegates elected :

Alamance, W. H. Swing; Roanoke, Walter Beavans; Mt. Hermon, Wm. Stafford; Yadkin, H. T. Henning; Burlington Sta., N. G. Bethea; Henderson Sta., A. J. Harris; Liberty, S. A. Alexander; Mecklenburg, D. W. Hartis; Stanley, M. F. Furr; High Point Sta., W. P. Pickett; Guilford, John H. Montgomery; Peedee, J. W. Hulin; Orange, G. F. Crutchfield.

The President was authorized to fix time for holding services in memory of Revs. C. F. Harris and S. A. Cecil.

Committee on Sunday Schools presented its report which was adopted.

Sunday School Committee's Report.

We believe there ought to be a Sunday school in every community within reach of every child and every adult. The importance of this is emphasized by the fact that so many homes are deficient or wholly wanting in religious training.

We commend Albemarle, Chatham, Flag Springs, Greensboro, Halifax, Littleton, Orange, Randleman, Yadkin College for reporting more Sunday schools last year than they have churches; but deplore the fact that eighteen charges report fewer schools than they have churches; namely, Buncombe, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, La Grange, Liberty, Mecklenburg, Monroe, Randolph, Stanley, Spring Church, Tabernacle, Tar River, Winston ct., Wadesboro, Westfield.

We find encouragement in the fact that there was an increase last year of twelve schools and of three hundred and ten scholars; also in the fact that Children's Day collections last year amounted to nearly sixty dollars more than the year before. But there ought to have been at least twenty-four schools more to report a year ago, since there were that many churches reported as having no Sunday school. And there ought to have been at least seven thousand more scholars to report than there were, since we had at that time about seven thousand more church members than Sunday school scholars. These facts drive us to the conclusion that somebody has not done his duty. Let every Methodist Protestant ask himself the question: "Is it I?"

We recommend teachers' meetings when practical, the use of our own literature, that pastors show a direct and active interest in the Sunday schools on their charge, and that *Our Morning Guide* be used as a suitable paper for the children and young people.

We call attention to item 2 of a report on Sunday schools adopted by the last General Conference as follows:

"We recommend that the Shorter Catechism be published in our Sunday school quarterlies and lesson papers in weekly installments, and that superintendents be required to review to their schools from week to week that part of the Catechism so published."

We would also recommend that all our pastors hold circuit Sunday school conventions annually.

T. M. JOHNSON,
W. F. McDOWELL,
W. K. HARTSELL,
N. M. HARRISON.

Bro. A. J. Harris made a motion that the Stationing Committee be composed of two ministers and two laymen, these four to select a fifth, if necessary.

Bro. C. A. Cecil moved to amend by adding the President.

Bro. W. C. Hammer moved as an amendment to the amendment, that the President be the Stationing Committee.

The amendment to the amendment was adopted. The motion as amended was then adopted.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Bro. Savage.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. J. R. Savage, Bro. W. A. Bunch presiding.

Minutes read, amended and adopted.

Bro. G. S. Kernodle having no credentials, and the pastor being absent, he was, on motion, admitted as delegate.

On motion of W. C. Kennett, Bro. S. R. Harris was made an honorary member of the Conference with deliberative privileges.

Committee on Pastoral Work presented its report:

Report of Committee on Pastoral Work.

A great number of volumes have been written on the art of preaching. Lectures on homiletics have been multiplied until they would form a respectable library.

But a large part of the labors of every pastor lies outside of the pulpit. They embrace the whole sphere of his personal intercourse with his flock, his care of the sick and suffering, his dealings with awakened or doubting or troubled souls, his organization of Christian work, his development of the spiritual life of the church, and his executive oversight of all its manifold activities.

The importance of all that portion of a minister's work that lies outside of his pulpit can hardly be over-estimated. The chief object of the Christian ministry is to win souls to Christ. A great element of power with every faithful ambassador of Christ should be heart-power. A majority of all congregations, rich or poor, are reached and influenced, not so much through the intellect as through the affections. This is an encouraging fact, for while only one man in ten may have the talent to become a very great preacher, the other nine, if they love Christ and love human souls, can become great pastors. Nothing gives a minister such heart power as personal acquaintance with, and personal attention to, those whom he aims to influence, for everybody loves to be noticed. Especially is personal sympathy welcome in seasons of trial. A pastor should make himself at home in everybody's home; let him come often and visit their sick rooms, and kneel beside their empty cribs, their broken hearts, and pray with them. Let him go to those in his congregation who have suffered reverses and give them a word of cheer; let him be quick to recognize the poor, and the children—and he will weave a cord around the hearts of his people that will stand a prodigious pressure. Even his inferior sermons will be kindly condoned, and he can tell his hearers of their faults and they will not take offence. He will have won their hearts to himself, and that is a great step towards drawing them to the house of God, and winning their souls to Christ.

"A house-going minister," said Chalmers, "makes a church-going people." The chief end of a minister's labors is to awaken the careless, to warn the endangered, to comfort the sorrowing, to help the weak, and to edify the believers ; in short, to make bad people good, and good people better. Preaching strong gospel sermons is one of the most efficient means to this end ; but it is not the only means. Outside of the pulpit every messenger of Christ can come to close quarters with each individual soul, and preach eye to eye.

If the shepherd can only save the sheep by going after them, then woe be unto him if he neglect his duty.

It has been said, with some good degree of truth, that "as many souls are won to Jesus Christ outside of the pulpit as in the pulpit." We believe that if many a minister would take part of the time that he now spends in polishing his discourses, or in miscellaneous studies, and would devote it to pastoral visitation, he would have larger congregations, and a larger number of conversions to Christ. Every pulpit needs to be vitalized by close contact with living people, rather than with lifeless books; and the best practical discourses are those which the congregation help their minister to prepare.

By constant and loving intercourse with individuals of his flock, he becomes acquainted with their peculiarities, and thus enlarges his knowledge of human nature, which is second only to a knowledge of God's word.

It is possible for every herald of the gospel who loves his Master, loves his Bible, loves his fellow-men, and who hungers to win souls to the Saviour, to be a good pastor, if he honestly aims to become one. The Lord Jesus Christ, in this respect as in every other, is our model. "I am the Good Shepherd; the shepherd knoweth His sheep; He calleth all His sheep by name."

J. E. HARTSELL,
S. A. ALEXANDER,
WM. STAFFORD,
J. H. MOTON,
G. H. LEARY.

The order of the day having arrived, Conference proceeded to elect its officers.

On first ballot, Rev. Walter A. Bunch was re-elected President, and Rev. Clifton L. Whitaker, Secretary.

On motion by Rev. T. M. Johnson the Secretary was authorized to appoint his own assistant. Bro. A. J. Harris was appointed.

Report of Committee on Pastoral Work was adopted.

The Overtures from General Conference were presented, and considered by items.

(1.) Overture.

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1892 sent to the Annual Conferences an overture touching the eligibility of women to the office of elder and as representatives to General Conference; and,

WHEREAS, The overture has practically been disregarded and ignored in some instances because of the form in which it was presented, leaving the question of eligibility of women still undetermined; therefore,

Resolved, In order to settle the question beyond dispute, that the President and Secretary of this General Conference be and they are hereby instructed to send down to the various Annual Conferences, before their next session, the following overture, to be substituted for the first sentence of item 2, Article VIII. of the Constitution:

1. "The General Conference shall consist of an equal number of ministers, either male or female, and lay representatives, either men or women."

2. *Resolved*, That women be made eligible to the order of elder in the church. J. T. MURRAY.

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(2) Overture to Seat Presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies in Quarterly Conferences.

Item 43 of report of Judiciary Committee.

We recommend the following overture: To amend Article VI., Section 1, of the Constitution as follows: Insert the words "Presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies" after "Sabbath School Superintendents."

(3.) Overture to Elect Stewards.

Item 2, report of Judiciary Committee.

Shall the third paragraph under head of "Station and Circuit Stewards," be changed so as to read: "The station and circuit stewards shall be elected annually in the stations by the qualified members, including ministers and preachers, and in the circuits and missions by societies, each society electing its own stewards, provided that each society shall have at least one steward?"

(4.) Overture.

Resolved, That an overture be sent down to the Conferences, requesting them to authorize a change in Article VIII., Section 1, so as to read: "There shall be a General Conference of this Church on the third Friday in May, in the year of our Lord 1900, and on the third Friday in May in every sixth year thereafter, in such place as the Conference may determine."

F. T. TAGG,
BENJAMIN STOUT,
W. A. BUNCH,
L. W. BATES.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The first, second and third Overtures were approved; the fourth, rejected.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates duly elected to this Conference :

Winston, C. P. Patterson; Uwharrie, B. C. Payne; Flag Springs, Henry Bean; Cleveland, A. H. Towery; Asheboro and Cedar Falls, Dr. A. H. Redding; Randleman, W. K. Hartsell; Catawba, A. M. Howard; Winston Sta., C. S. Hampton; Randolph, A. G. Hough; Haw River, G. S. Kernodle; Lincoln, R. L. Boyles; Mocksville, N,

A. Orrell; Greensboro Sta., R. H. Brooks; Saxapahaw, A. N. Roberson; Gibsonville, B. Davidson; North Granville, S. H. Satterwhite; Littleton, J. W. Bobbitt; Halifax, N. M. Harrison.

Miss Mamie Johnston was elected by Conference to represent Tar River in this Conference.

It is made the Order of the Day, 2:30 P. M., Friday, for the meeting of the Local Missionary Society of the N. C. Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

On motion, the chair was authorized to appoint the Committee on Ministerial Character.

On motion, a committee on Orphan Asylum was ordered. The President appointed as that committee, T. M. Johnson, G. F. Millaway, and John Snotherly.

The report of Committee on Finance was presented, amended and adopted:

Report of Committee on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance would report as follows:

1st. We are gratified to believe that reports to this Conference will show increased contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions. God has seen fit to call two of our brethren to the foreign field—one of whom is now at the head of our work in Japan. The Lord of the harvest has also through the General Conference called one of our members to the responsible position of Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

We would urge all our people to go forward in this noble and unselfish work of giving the heathen to Christ for an inheritance, and may our contributions to this cause continue to increase from year to year until we come up to the full measure of our responsibility.

2nd. While we cannot overestimate the importance of Foreign Missions, we should not underestimate the cause of Local Missions. It is our imperative duty to extend the borders of our own Conference. Many open doors are now before us, and our success in entering the towns and villages in the past few years should stimulate us to greater effort. We now point with pride to Greensboro, Asheboro, High Point, Burlington and other places. We recommend that special attention be given to this work of church extension, believing that we should soon be represented in many of the centers of population where we are as yet comparatively unknown.

3rd. We feel constrained to call the attention of this Conference to the responsibility of caring for our Superannuates and the widows of deceased ministers and their families. We have men who have borne the heat and burden of the day—men who have wrought long and well in the ranks of our itinerancy. Some of these have already been superannuated and others must of necessity become so soon. We deem it a sacred duty devolving upon our church to care for these men of God, who have been compelled to toil, on small salaries, and have by their labors so advanced the cause of Methodist Protestantism in North Carolina as to make it possible for the younger members of this body to receive a more comfortable support.

a. We recommend, therefore, that each pastor be *required*—not requested—to present this cause to all the churches under his charge and receive such contribution to this cause as he may induce them to make.

b. We make these recommendations not in advocacy of charity, but prompted by a sense of justice toward these brethren for their faithfulness and usefulness to our church, and believing that to leave them uncared for is a crying shame upon us and our people.

4rd. We recommend that all the other general interests receive that attention which the general rules of the church require, and which every faithful pastor should give, believing that none should be neglected.

5th. We do not recommend any definite assessment per capita for these general interests as our observation leads us to believe such assessments do not, in the least, affect the contributions.

6th. As to pastors' salaries, we recommend greater care in the selection of stewards, believing that when the finances of our church are placed in the hands of intelligent, consecrated business men, the greater part of the financial trouble will have been eliminated from our church work.

7th. We recommend that the president's salary be $1000.00 apportioned as follows:

Ashboro, Cedar Falls	$25.00	Liberty	$25.00
Albemarle	15.00	Lincoln	27.00
Alamance	35.00	Mocksville	20.00
Buncombe	25.00	Mecklenburg	20.00
Burlington	7.50	Monroe	8.00
Catawba	18.00	Mt. Hermon	35 00
Chatham	15.00	North Granville	30.00
Caldwell	5.00	Orange	25.00
Cleveland	27.00	Pee Dee	10.00
Davidson	30.00	Randolph	22.50
Flat Rock	35.00	Roanoke	20.00
Flag Springs	25.00	Randleman, Worthville	20.00
Forsythe	25.00	Saxapahaw	15.00
Granville	30.00	Surry	20.00
Guilford	25.00	Stanley	20.00
Greenville	20.00	Spring Church	10 00
Gibsonville	10.00	Tabernacle	35.00
Greensboro Station	15.00	Tar River	15.00
Halifax	30.00	Uwharrie	22.00
Henderson Station	27.50	Winston Station	15.00
Haw River	35 00	Winston Circuit	30.00
High Point	10.00	Westfield	2.00
Ivy	18.00	Wadesboro	7.00
Littleton	18.00	Yadkin	10.00
LaGrange	20.00		

W. F. KENNETT,
ANDREW J. HARRIS,
R. H. BROOKS,
Committee.

On motion of E. C. Harris, the District is assessed $500.00 for superannuates, apportioned in same ratio as for President's salary.

Memorial from Mecklenburg circuit referred to Committee on Boundaries.

On motion roll of circuits was called and pastors reported amount collected on Yadkin College debt.

It was made the order of the day for 7:30 P. M. Saturday, to hear the Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, and consider the interest represented by him.

Memorial from Albemarle circuit was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. C. Hammer.

EVENING SESSION.

The President called the Conference to order. The choir sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Bro. G. F. Millaway led in prayer. Choir sang, "Take My Life, etc."

It being the order of the day, Rev. T. M. Johnson opened the discussion of the "Polity of the Methodist Protestant church," others following.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. R. Savage.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The President called Conference to order at 9:30.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. C. E. M. Raper.

Minutes read, amended, and approved.

On motion, all letters addressed to Conference referred without reading to Committee on Correspondence.

The recommendation from Flat Rock, of Bro H. J. Hartsell to the care of the Board of Ministerial Education, was approved.

The undersigned wish, with all deference to the contrary views of others, to put themselves on record as opposed to the ordination of women in the Methodist Protestant Church.

J. L. MICHAUX,
C. A. PICKENS,
D. A. HIGHFILL.

Committee on Presidents report made its report and it was approved.

Committee on President's Report.

We have had under consideration the report of the President for the past ecclesiastical year, and present thereon the following remarks :

1st. We are gratified to learn that the District is in a healthy, growing and hopeful condition.

2nd. We commend to the consideration of our brethren, both clerical and lay, the great importance of making a study of the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church.

3rd. As regards the matter of ordaining to the ministry such persons as have not stood an approved examination in accordance with Conference requirement, the suggestion does not meet our approval, for reasons which we can only hint at in so brief a paper. The disciplinary regulation, intended to apply to exigencies of the kind mentioned, is found on page 71, and to this we call attention, believing that it would be unwise to adopt a practice which might react at another time to our detriment.

4th. We are pleased also to note that so large a number of houses of worship have been built in a comparatively short time, and that open doors are found for our ministers in so large a number of places.

5th. The matter of boundaries, as contained in the President's report, we commend to the consideration of the Boundary Committee.

C. A. CECIL,
J. L. MICHAUX,
W. P. PICKETT,
J. E. SWAIN,
JOHN SNOTHERLY.

The report of the Committee on Ordinances was presented and approved :

Report of Committee on Ordinances

The ordinances of the church, as instituted by Christ, are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

They are not only badges, or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they are certain signs of grace and God's will toward us, by which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our faith in Him.

In our baptism we publicly confess before men that we put on Christ Jesus, and that we are dead unto the world and alive unto Christ. It is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized, but it is also a sign of regeneration, or new birth.

The Master says, "Go teach, baptizing them." When we examine this Scripture we see how closely the teaching and baptism are connected. Is not baptism a part of the teaching ?

We quote from the *Methodist Protestant* of November 12, 1896: "The Methodist Protestant church teaches and endorses infant baptism, and for reasons that are rational, scriptural, and satisfactory." We recommend our ministers to teach and urge parents to dedicate their children to God by the ordinance of baptism, and to keep their vow and covenant made, thus training them up in the church to the higher duties of the same.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.—We are taught in the scripture, and it is held in our Book of Discipline, that the supper of the Lord is not only a sign that Christians ought to have among themselves of the love of the one to the other, but rather is an ordinance of our redemption by Christ's death. By this ordinance we keep in memory Him that loved us, and gave His life a ransom for us. He said, "This do, in remembrance of me." As a church we hold that the Lord's Supper is a means of grace. We therefore recommend that this means of grace be used in accordance with our Book of Discipline on this subject.

C. A. PICKENS,
E. C. HARRIS,
D. W. HARTIS,
R. L. COX.

A letter from Rev. J. H. Totten to this Conference and his credentials were referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

The report of Committee on Ministerial Character was taken up and the characters of the following brethren passed:

C. A. Cecil, J. R. Betts, O. P. Routh, G. F. Millaway, W. O. Davis, C. H. Whitaker, J. B. Tarlton, C. A. Pickens, T. M. Johnson, Wm. Porter, W. C. Lassiter, J. N. Garrett, W. F. Ashburn, W. F. Kennett, J. R. Hutton, T. F. McCulloch, J. D. Williams, T. J. Ogburn, J. E. Hartsell, I. I. York, C. L. Whitaker, W. W. Amick, W. D. Fogleman, J. R. Savage, E. A. Plyler, L. Hunter, C. E. M. Raper, H. L. Powell, H. S. B. Thompson, J. H. Stowe, D. A. Braswell, N. M. Modlin, J. H. Moton, J. G. W. Holloway, W. W. Russell, W. M. Pike, J. F. Dosier, W. F. McDowell, J. R. Walton, R. E. Davis, L. L. Allbright, H. D. Garmon, Dr. A. W. Lineberry, J. L. Michaux, J. S. Dunn, R. R. Michaux, Prof. S. Simpson, J. W. Heath, W. C. Kennett, W. L. Harris, G. H. Austin, R. R. Hanner, W. T. Totten, D. A. Fishell, G. W. Bowman, J. F. McCulloch, G. E. Hunt, D. A. Highfill, W. R. Lowdermilk, W. C. Hammer.

The report of the Committee on Literature was presented, amended, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Literature beg leave to report:

We believe that all of our people realize the great importance of our literature; that our ministers appreciate fully its helpfulness; and that it is useless to argue in its behalf.

We, therefore, affirm that none but our *own* literature should be used in our Sunday schools, and we recommend that our statistical blanks be so arranged as to show the percentage of Sunday schools using our own literature.

We, appreciating alike the ability and efficiency of both of our general organs, recommend that every member of our denomination who is able, should subscribe for *The Methodist Protestant*, and *The Methodist Recorder*, that he may be in touch with our entire denomination. If unable to subscribe for two, we leave the matter for individual discretion.

We acknowledge our gratitude to Rev. J. F. McCulloch for supplying a long-felt need by publishing at great personal sacrifice a paper devoted to the interests of our denomination in North Carolina; we again pledge our faithful assistance in his noble effort.

In conclusion we would rejoice, with others interested, in the progress of the building to be erected in Greensboro for the publication of *Our Church Record*; we would also, as a Conference, return grateful thanks to those who have so nobly contributed to the same.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. ALBRIGHT,
I. I. YORK,
G. S. KERNODLE,
J. R. SAVAGE,
S. H. SATTERWHITE,
Committee.

The following resolution was approved:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report what each field has done toward paying the Yadkin College indebtedness, and that they report to-morrow A. M., immediately after opening. J. S. Williams, W. F. Ashburn, and C. H. Whitaker were appointed as the committee.

It was made the order of the day for 10:30 A. M., Saturday, to consider the interests of Burlington church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

It is ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to look after and report upon the needs of our church in Asheville.

On motion the Conference was to elect the chairman of the Committee, and the President of Conference was elected. Rev. J. R. Savage and Dr. J. N. Gill were appointed as the other members.

It is further decided that the Committee report to next Conference.

A committee to audit the Ministerial Education Fund was ordered. The President appointed as committee J. E. Hartsell, W. W. Amick, E. C. Harris.

It is decided that the next session of Conference convene Wednesday after the 3rd Sunday in November, 1897.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That any pastor failing to attend Sub-district Conference, is required to report to the Sub-district Conference.

The following resolution is approved :

WHEREAS, the principles of our church polity are too little known to be properly appreciated, be it

Resolved, That our pastors be urged to teach the people these principles.

T. M. JOHNSON,
J. N. GILL.

It being the Order of the Day for the N. C. Local Missionary Society to meet, the Conference took a recess.

Bro. Benj. Stout, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Home Missions, was introduced to the Conference.

Order of Day for 7 P. M. to-night deferred to hear Bro. Stout at that hour. Bro. V. Y. Boosen, pastor of a Lutheran church, was introduced to Conference.

Report of Committee on C. E. Societies introduced and approved:

The reports of the pastors in *Our Church Record* during the past year clearly demonstrate two important facts:

1. Where there is a Christian Endeavor Society there is more attention given to the premises and to the neatness of the church within. The needed repairs are given prompt attention, and in almost every case the existence of a society is inferred by the absolute tidiness of the church furniture and the presence of flowers and many tokens of church love.

2. Many of the pastors report that the churches having C. E. Societies have the best revivals. The church as organized into a C. E. Society is best equipped for revival work, simply because its

members are organized, whereas, without a society, they are not organized.

There is another fact for our consideration: Christian Endeavor is training our young men and young women, and even the children, into church work.

The church has been alarmed at a threatened dearth of young men to lead in prayer or to conduct a public service, and has been grieved at the fact that the Class Meeting has gone out of use. But in the C. E. Society we have something that is better than the Class Meeting, because it deals so largely with the young people.

To these facts: 1. Every attention given to the repairs and neatness of the church house. 2. Better revivals. 3. More and better equipped workers for the church, add the possibility of more liberal giving to church enterprises; a more intelligent church life; a larger number of young men for the ministry; finally, a complete salvation of our young people to Jesus Christ and to His work; it is evident that no church can afford to be without a live C. E. Society.

Therefore we urge that a Society be organized in every church during the coming year.

To this end we recommend that the President of this Conference with the aid of our State Christian Endeavor President, appoint a Christian Endeavor superintendent for each sub-district, the duty of said superintendent to be (1) to organize circuit and district unions; (2) to see that at least a district rally is held within the year; (3) to remind each society to pay the fifty cents asked by the State Executive Committee for current expenses; (4) to bring before the Societies the time and place for State and National conventions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. WILLIAMS,
C. H. WHITAKER,
J. N. GILL,
G. F. CRUTCHFIELD,
Committee.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced to Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. T. M. Johnson.

EVENING SESSION.

It being the order of day, Rev. B. Stout, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Home Missions, addressed the Conference, and took a collection of $58.52.

Conference adjourned with Long Meter Doxology, and benediction by Rev. B. Stout.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The President called Conference to order. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. D. A. Highfill.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Colleges presented its report, which was tabled.

Rev. D. A. Betts, of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

The order of the day having arrived, Conference went into consideration of the interest of the Burlington church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, W. C. Bain, J. S. Hunter, J. A. Holt and A. M. Rankin were made honorary members of Conference.

Special committee on Yadkin College debt reported.

It was ordered that the Publishing House Interest be the order of day for 2:30 P. M. to-day.

Report of the committee on Orphan Asylum is approved:

Report of Committee on the Oxford Orphanage.

Believing as we do that the work done by the Orphan Asylum, situated at Oxford, N. C., in caring for more than two hundred boys and girls of various denominations by providing them with shelter, food and clothing; by affording them most excellent educational advantages; by teaching them habits of industry and in some instances a useful trade; by exerting over them a strong religious but non-denominational influence—believing this most excellent work should be recognized and encouraged in some material way by this Conference, therefore

1. We recommend that pastors urge each Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society on their various charges to make a thank offering for the orphans on or as near as possible to Thanksgiving Day.

2. We recommend that the preachers and lay members of this Conference and of the Methodist Protestant Church acquaint themselves with the work of the institution by reading *The Orphan's Friend*, and when at all convenient by visiting the asylum.

T. M. JOHNSON,
G. F. MILLAWAY,
JOHN SNOTHERLY.

Letters from Bros. Dosier, G. W. Bowman and G. E. Hunt were referred to the Stationing Committee.

Letter from Dr. Tagg was referred to the committee on Literature.

Report of committee on Fraternal Relations was presented and approved:

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

1. We have had, in this Conference, Rev. F. P. Flemming, of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Christian Church. He bears the brotherly cheer and greetings of his Conference to our Conference. This exchange of brotherly feelings has a tendency to bind the different denominations more closely together, and concentrate their efforts to destroy the evils of the land, and to build up the Kingdom of Christ in the world. We trust that this Conference will reciprocate these greetings by appointing messengers to their annual gathering.

2. We, also, have had in our midst the Secretary of the Board of *Home Missions*, in the person of Rev. Benjamin Stout, who not only entertained the Conference and the congregation with a most

excellent address on the subject of Home Missions; but also entertained this body for a time in delivering the fraternal greetings of his (West Virginia) Conference to this body These greetings we heartily accept, and would authorize the Secretary to bear like greetings from this body to his own Conference.

A. W. LINEBERRY, *Chm'n.*

The following resolution was introduced and approved:

WHEREAS, The last annual session of this body made a report on the American Bible Society, commending it to our people and requiring collections to be taken in aid of that noble and deserving enterprise; therefore *resolved*, that we reaffirm the action of last Conference with regard to the American Bible Society.

J. L. MICHAUX.

A committee to receive and disburse the Superannuate Funds was appointed as follows: C. A. Cecil, J. S. Dunn, W. C. Hammer.

On motion, a committee on Appeals was ordered elected. The following were elected: J. L. Michaux, C. A. Cecil, W. N. Brown, A. J. Harris, W. L. Harris.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Michaux, the case of Mrs. J. G. Whitfield was recommended to the consideration of the committee to disburse Superannuate Funds.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch was appointed Committee on Publication of Minutes, and to receive money collected for same.

Bro. C. H. Whitaker presented claims of Littleton and its prospect for the M. P. Church, and the following committee was appointed to take into consideration the same: Pastor of Littleton, J. H. Harrison, J. W. Bobbitt, and, if needed, they to appoint two others.

Bros. Holt and Clapp, of the Christian Church, were introduced to Conference.

Report of Trustees of Publishing House presented and approved:

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 16, 1896.

To the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, to convene at Burlington, Nov. 18th.

Dear Brethren:—On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Publishing House, we, the Committee appointed for the purpose, beg to submit to your body the first annual report, as provided in the charter of the Publishing House.

Pursuant to call, a meeting was held in this city for the purpose of defining a plan of organization, and considering the interests of the enterprise. There were present a sufficient number of the contributors to represent a large proportion of the amount which had been pledged, and these held the proxies of others, so that, at this meeting, there was represented, in all, the greater part of the amount which it was proposed to raise ($5000.00). It was decided that the enterprise should take the form of a regular corporation, to be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of nine members; that this Board of Trustees should be elected, in the first place, by the contributors; that they should hold office so long as they should remain members in good standing of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina, unless they should remove from the State for permanent residence; and in the event of a vacancy by reason of death, or from any other cause, the vacancy should be filled by the remaining members of the Board, but all such elections, as well as the first held for the original Board, should be subject to the approval of your body. The following were elected Trustees: Revs. T. J. Ogburn and T. M. Johnson, and F. R. Harris, O. R. Cox, W. P. Pickett, J. S. Hunter, J. C. Roberts, J. Norman Wills, and the President of the North Carolina Conference, ex officio.

It was also ordered that the Treasurer of the Building Fund give a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

A Building Committee consisting of O. R. Cox, J. S. Hunter, and J. Norman Wills was appointed, with instructions to purchase a lot, and to proceed with the building as soon as the receipts were sufficient to justify doing so.

In accordance with the action of this meeting application was duly made to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Guilford county for a charter, which was duly granted by the Secretary of State. In this charter it is expressly provided that the enterprise is to be controlled by the Trustees for the benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina, and every safeguard has been thrown around the enterprise so that it shall never be diverted from the original purpose.

The charter having been granted, a meeting was held on July 31, to formally organize the company. The nine Trustees, heretofore named, were elected directors. The following officers were elected: O. R. Cox, President, F. R. Harris, Vice-President, J. Norman Wills, Secretary and Treasurer. It was ordered that the Treasurer give a satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of his duties. A committee was appointed to draft by-laws.

The Trustees met in annual session on Friday, November 13th. Eight of the nine directors were present, or were represented by proxies. The officers previously elected were re-elected for the ensuing year, and it was ordered that they serve without salary.

The Building Committee reported that they had purchased a most desirable lot for the sum of $3,300, and had made wall and stairway contracts of a very advantageous nature, and that plans were in course of preparation.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Total receipts to date.................................. $3 765.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for lot................................	$3 300 00	
Paid interest on deferred payment.........	49 50	
Paid fees, Secretary of State...............	7 50	
Paid attorney's fee.........................	10 00	
Paid W. L. Grissom for ½ interest in wall..	385 00	3 752 00
Balance on hand......................		$ 13 22

The soliciting committee reported that the subscriptions to date amount to $4,872.09, of which $3,765.22 has been paid in. They desire that your body take the necessary and proper steps to so increase the amount of pledges that they will have in sight a sufficient amount to erect and complete the building. They are aware that the cost of the building will be somewhat in excess of the amount originally contemplated. But their plans have enlarged, and the building which they now propose to erect will be much more creditable and much more fitted, not only for the use of the publishing interests, but for commercial purposes, than the one which could have been erected for the original amount, thus promising increased revenue.

We feel that the church has every reason to be encouraged over the success which has attended the efforts to provide for the maintenance of her publishing interests. The lot which we have secured is one of the best in the city—certainly the best that is available. By the wall contracts we have made a clear saving of $950.00, including what we have saved on sewerage connection, besides having acquired ground to the value of about $180.00, making a total advantage which we have gained of $1,130.00.

The ground is now being cleared for the building, and we sincerely trust that such an impetus may be given to the enterprise as to insure uninterrupted progress, and the completion of the building at an early date. Not only for the good of our church paper is it desirable that there be no unnecessary delay, but for the moral effect upon the community, before which our church is now on trial.

J. NORMAN WILLS,
J. F. McCULLOCH,
W. A. BUNCH.
Committee.

The following resolution was presented and approved:

WHEREAS, It may become necessary in the conduct to a successful issue of the building interests of the Publishing House to raise ready cash, and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Building are not willing to contract any permanent debt; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Building Committee are hereby authorized to raise any ready cash that may be necessary by hypothecating any existing rent contract or pledge for future payment to said fund, but it is expressly understood that this does not authorize any debt to be secured by mortgage on real estate.

A. J. HARRIS,
R. H. BROOKS,
L. L. ALBRIGHT.

Bro. T. M. Johnson, on motion, solicited additional pledges for Publishing House, and secured $441.50.

First partial report of Examining Board was presented and approved:

Brothers A. L. Hunter, J. D. Williams, and C. H. Whitaker are recommended for ordination and election to membership in the Conference.

J. F. McCULLOCH,
Secretary.

The Committee to disburse Superannuate Fund reported, and its report is approved:

R. R. Michaux	$ 43 49
Mrs. C. F. Harris	20 00
Mrs. James Deans, Sr.,	20 00
Mrs. A. J. Laughlin	10 00
Mrs. Whitfield	25 00
	$ 118 49

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. CECIL,
W. C. HAMMER,
J. S. DUNN.

Report of Committee on Boundaries presented, considered by items and adopted:

Your Committee on Boundaries beg leave to submit the following, viz:

1. That Plymouth and Edenton be detached from Albemarle circuit, and be constituted a mission to be known as Plymouth and Edenton mission, and recommend that the Board of Church Extension appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars thereto.

2. That the city of Charlotte and Henrietta be constituted a Mission and that the President be empowered, if he thinks best, to make two missions. We would also recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars thereto.

3. That Mill Grove be detached from Monroe and attached to Stanley.

4. That Monroe and Wadesboro be united and known by the name of Wadesboro.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HAMMER,
W. BEAVANS,
MARTIN F. FURR,
R. L. COX,
A. H. REDDING,
Committee.

On motion, Bros. J. S. Williams and W. O. Davis came before Conference and, for cause, were released from paying one-tenth of their salary on their debt to Board of Ministerial Education.

Rev. J. L. Michaux was appointed Committee to receive and forward money collected for American Bible Society.

On motion, conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Wm. Porter.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn addressed the Conference on Foreign Missions. Freewill offering for same, $28.60.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

The brethren elected to Elders' Orders on Saturday were introduced immediately after the sermon, Sunday morning, and ordained by Pres. W. A. Bunch, assisted by Revs. J. F. McCulloch and Clifton L. Whitaker.

Sunday afternoon, at 2:30, memorial services of Rev. C. F. Harris, D. D., and Rev. S. A. Cecil were held, and the obituaries prepared by the committees were read and approved.

MEMORIAL OF REV. CICERO F. HARRIS, D. D.

HIS PARENTAGE.

He was the son of Rev. Willis and Sallie D. Harris, and was born in Granville county, North Carolina, Feb. 27th, 1821. Both his father and mother were of English descent, but we are unable to trace back their ancestry.

His father was one of the earliest Methodist Protestant preachers; and at his house was the first religious meeting, of our branch of the church, ever held in the State of North Carolina. He was said to have been a racy and incisive preacher, and so impressed his hearers as to set them to thinking and talking about his utterances from the pulpit. On one occasion after he had preached at a certain place in Guilford county, a minister residing in the neighborhood and of another denomination, made an appointment, and preached an opposing sermon in his presence. The Rev. Harris appointed a rejoinder and drew together a multitude of people. He took for his text—"Mark Ye What I Say." He then started out by saying—"The brother's sermon reminds me of a keg of nails—all heads and points." Then throwing himself into the controversy he fought it to the finish, and was never again publicly assailed in that community.

Four of his sons became preachers of their father's church and faith, three of whom are well known to many of the church members now living, but one, who, it is said, was the most eloquent of them all, died in early manhood.

HIS SERVICE IN THE CHURCH.

The subject of this sketch professed religion in Halifax county, N. C., in the year 1841, and soon afterwards connected himself with the church at Rehoboth in Granville county.

The precise date he was licensed to preach, we do not know, but it must have been soon after he joined the church, for we find that on Nov. 3rd, 1843, he joined the North Carolina Conference, and was assigned to the Guilford circuit. Perhaps the best insight to his labors may be obtained by simply giving the following statement, gathered from the Annual Conference records :

Joined the N. C. Conference at Mt. Hermon, Orange county, (now Alamance) Nov. 3rd, 1843.

Served Guilford circuit, 1844-45.

Served Wilmington circuit, 1846.

Was ordained deacon at Rehoboth, Granville county, N. C., Oct. 22nd, 1846.

Served Guilford circuit, 1847.

Served Roanoke circuit, 1848-49.

Was ordained elder at Fair Grove, Rockingham county, N. C., Oct. 21st, 1848.

Served Yadkin circuit, 1850.

Served Fayetteville station, 1851-52.

Was President of the Conference, 1853-54.

Served Granville circuit, 1855.

Served Guilford circuit, 1856.

Was President of the Conference, 1857.

Served Guilford circuit, 1858.

Served Granville circuit, 1859-60.

Was President of the Conference, 1861-62,

Served Haw River circuit, 1863.

Served Greensboro circuit, 1864-65.

Served Alamance circuit, 1866.

Served Asheboro circuit, 1867.

Served Greensboro circuit, 1868-69-70.

Served Haw River circuit, 1871-72.

Served Alamance circuit, 1873.

Colporteur for American Bible Society, 1874.

Served Guilford circuit, 1875.

Was President of the Conference, 1876.

Served Orange circuit, 1877-78.

Colporteur for American Bible Society, 1879.

Served Alamance circuit, 1880-81-82.

Served Surry Mission, 1883.

Served Flat Rock circuit, 1884-85.

Was Conference Evangelist, 1886-87-88.

Was member of the General Conference, 1862-70-80.

Superannuated at Henderson, N. C., Nov. 27th, 1888, which relation to the Conference he sustained until his death.

EDUCATION AND STUDIES.

Up to the time he entered the ministry, his educational advantages had been quite limited, as was the case with most young men sixty years ago, but he had acquired that degree of general intelligence which excited in him a thirst for knowledge, and he applied himself ardently to such studies as he thought would best equip him for his high calling.

In the years 1851-52, he was stationed in Fayetteville, N. C., and during this time, he studied Latin, Greek and Hebrew, reciting regularly to the Presbyterian minister, Mr. Johnson, who at the same time also occupied a pulpit in the town. Under Mr. Johnson, he made considerable progress in these languages, at least getting that knowledge of their construction which enabled him, by his own efforts, to extend his acquaintance with them. But as time passed on, he did not confine himself to the study of the classics only, but always actuated by a burning desire to enlarge his field of thought in all directions, legitimate with his life work, he devoted considerable time to the study of the Natural Sciences, and this enriched his mind with a good grasp of the philosophy and harmony of the natural world.

LIBRARY.

He had a well selected library consisting of about 500 volumes. As a pointer to the mental and spiritual character of the man we mention a few of them: Ceasar, Ovid, Plato, Herodotus, Xenophon, Thucydides, Chamber's Encyclopedia, Spurgeon's Works, D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, Rollin's Ancient History, Watts on the Mind, Bunyan's Works, Homer's Iliad, Shakespere, Milton's Poems, Dante's Poems, etc.

AS A READER.

He was an industrious, thoughtful reader. To the inquiry—did he read much? one of his daughters replied—"Every spare minute."

During a great part of his itinerancy, the circuits were large, requiring much traveling to reach appointments, and this fact, coupled with another, that he had a large young family, frequently quartered in a small building, would seem to have put it beyond his power to find much time for careful systematic reading. In view of these circumstances, it is interesting to note the following plan also quoted from his daughter:

"In order to have perfect quiet, and to keep from punishing the little ones by making them be quiet, his plan was to retire with the children—arise about 11 o'clock, and read and study till two or three o'clock A. M."

Of the books he read and re-read most, for culture and inspiration, we mention Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Homer's Iliad, Science of the Bible, Milton, Dante, and Watts on the Mind. To the study of such works as these may, no doubt, be attributed to a degree the lofty style of many of his sermons. But these did not do it all—they were to him but the stepping stones to the sublimer hights of Moses, Job, Isaiah and David. Nor did all of these form within him a new creation. The love of the beautiful and sublime was born with him; and hence such works were in harmony with himself, and to his mind a luxury. With this view of his mental qualities, we cannot wonder at the fact, of which we are well assured, that the whole Bible was his delight. Its elevated diction and far-reaching truths could not do otherwise than charm him.

While he was a diligent reader of the entire Bible, and loved it all, yet he seemed particularly enamored with the Book of Psalms. So much was this the case, that he insisted on his children committing this part of the Bible to memory; and one of his daughters committed, and recited to him the whole book; and all of his children the most of it.

As to the New Testament—the Saviour of men and his words standing preeminent, of course—the characters and writings of Paul and Peter excited his highest admiration, and to them he gave his most intense study. He also read carefully the *Methodist Protestant*, the Pulpit Treasury, Dr. Hall's Microcosm and other current literature of the day. Indeed while he read much the old standard books, yet his main interest centered in the living issues and passing events of the day. So intent was he to keep abreast with the age, and to be in touch with the new transpirings that were daily occuring, that he never seemed to grow old and fall back into a life of mere memory, but maintained a life of the living present up to his last rational hour.

HIS PREACHING.

His sermons were generally carefully prepared. On one occasion he remarked—"A man cannot preach what he does not know." In the first years of his ministry he wrote his sermons in full, but later on he simply constructed a "skeleton," and gave himself a free elaboration of it, under the inspiration of the moment. Perhaps few men were ever more dominated by matters of mere personal grievance than he. When such a burden was upon his mind, it gave a coloring to his sermons, even though the occasion might be a funeral. This plain, outspoken, characteristic may have grown into him, to some extent, at least, from his love and study of the Psalms of David, as above noted. But we must not forget that he was equally susceptible to whatever congenial influences might surround him. These also found a display in the character of his sermons. At such times, his sermons were often entrancing. He would touch you with pathos and love, walk with you among the flowers, and revel with you in the sublimities. It was not in his nature to conceal himself, even in the pulpit. He expressed himself in such an openhanded way as sometimes to grate harshly, at least on sensitive natures. As illustrative of this trait, we give the following instance:

On one occasion, when preaching to a large congregation, a minister of some note, and of a denomination which qualified him to feel the force of such a remark, was sitting in the pulpit behind him. After artfully directing his discourse into that train of thought which would admit of it, he made an emphatic pause, and said: "Thank God for a country without a king, and a church without a bishop."

That Bro. Harris was a preacher of more than ordinary power, the honors conferred on him by his brethren fully attest. Then we have the further testimony in the fact that multitudes, of all classes, flocked to his appointments to hear him preach, and listened to him, often with rapt attention. True, his style was of the old time school, and whether we have lost or gained by the cooler logic of the present day, is no question for discussion here.

AS A DEBATER.

It has been said that Bro. Harris never appeared to better advantage, intellectually, than when debating some subject. It was then he displayed a fluency of speech, and a sharpness and incisiveness of thought, which many considered above that of any other occasion. And when he thought the matter in hand required it, his repartee and sarcasm were remarkable and overwhelming. Few men could equal him in this respect, and the antagonist who was subjected to such an ordeal, it would seem, must in the end think less of himself or less of Bro. Harris.

LOYALTY.

The government and laws of his country he appreciated most keenly. He loved the spirit and genius of American institutions, and was proud of being a citizen of these great American States. Hence, so far as is known, he was law-abiding and loyal to the letter. As to his church we have never heard his loyalty subjected to even a surmise. He was sound to the core in its doctrines; he loved its ecclesiastical polity, believing it to be "built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone," and thus, both as to his country and church, he rejoiced to be the subject of the one, and the servant of the other.

TRIALS AND CHEERFULNESS.

Under this head we find we cannot do better than quote from his daughter, the one who for years "was his constant companion." In answer to an inquiry she says: "When the war was raging he often had to travel half the night to obtain lodging, as every stranger was looked upon with suspicion in those days. Now and then his horse fagged out when he would walk and lead him miles and miles in the dark, himself at the same time hungry, wet and cold; but then his life had its joys—he was working for the Master he worshiped, and the church he loved, and he did it with his might, regardless of the applause of men. In those days, when our church was young and scattering, his salary ranged from $250.00 to $400.00, and his wife and eight little ones to be fed and clothed, and the children to be educated—how, is the problem, yet they were all tolerably well educated—some of them having received collegiate educations: and at his death he owed no man anything. But no one can ever know the struggle he passed through."

She also remarks his uniform hopeful and cheerful disposition at home; but how it was with him in this respect abroad, she needs not say, for a thousand living witnesses can testify to his warm, glad greetings, and the unclouded sky of his presence.

SOCIAL QUALITIES.

Socially, Bro. Harris was approachable and companionable, and adapted himself to his surroundings, but not in such a way as to compromise his high calling. In conversation he was genial and mirthful, and had an eye to the ridiculous side of things, not unfrequently making himself the target of his own jest. His sympathies seem to have run much with the common people, and did not neglect them in his pastoral visitations. On one occasion, when taking supper with a well-to-do family whose table was abundantly supplied, he remarked, by way of apology for his hearty eating: "I am quite hungry. I took dinner to-day with a poor family, and I know they had a hard time, and I did not eat but little."

There is another phase in his social life we feel disposed to note, and that is his love for children. It has been often noticed that he would turn away from the society of grown people, and enter heartily into talk and pranks with children. He seemed to be charmed with their sportive ways, and their frank, unsophisticated natures. May we not apply to him what has been pronounced as so sublimely said of another man: "He loved God and little children."

MARRIAGE.

In Fayetteville, N. C., April 22, 1852, Bro. Harris married Miss Sallie Elizabeth Dunn, daughter of Joseph S. and Elizabeth Dunn, Rev. J. L. Michaux pronouncing the ceremony. God honored this union with eight children—four males and four females, all of whom, with their mother, survive him. And we may mention that at this writing there are also eight grandchildren.

Two of his children are twins, a boy and a girl, who were born just about the close of the civil war; and it gives some insight to the feelings and sentiments of the father to state the fact that the coincident led him to name the boy Peace, and the girl Joy.

HOME HABITUDE.

We must here again quote from his beloved daughter. "He was never happier than when he was under whatever kind of shelter his home happened to be with his family around him. The family altar was *never* under any circumstances neglected. He required some one of his children to read the chapter, and then he led in prayers, always thanking God for his care and asking to be delivered from the powers of the evil one. He required his children to memorize different parts of the Scripture, in his absence from home, and recite it to him upon his return, sometimes making the selection himself, sometimes leaving the selection to the child. He was an indulgent father."

HIS MOTTO:

"DILIGENT IN BUSINESS, FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVING THE LORD."

HIS BLINDNESS.

In the Fall of 1885, at about the age of sixty-four years, his eyesight began to fail him. As elsewhere stated, he was a devoted reader, and not long before this time he had come in possession of some philosophical works which greatly interested him, and that he wished to study thoroughly. The print was rather small for his aged eyes, and in the reading, much of the time by lamp light, he impaired his sight beyond recovery, though there was no time that he could not discern an object between himself and the light. Considering that his desire to acquire knowledge had not abated in the least, but was probably more intense than ever before; and the further fact that he still maintained a vigorous manhood, such an affliction would seem to be a very great trial, and excites our most profound sympathy. But in this regard we quote again from the same authority: "He was, under the circumstances, the most patient man I ever saw—never murmured or complained."

Fortunately for him, however, we can say that the waning of his vision was gradual and to a great degree painless, reminding us of the blind Milton's song:

"So deep a drop serene hath quenched these orbs."

VERY LAST DAYS.

For some weeks before his death he was not without premonitions that "the time of his departure was at hand." What mystic tokens or messages he received revealing to him that the Jordan was near, we are not advised; but when at the last Annual Conference he remarked that he felt that it was the last Conference which he should ever attend, that the hour of his dissolution was not far off. Here it is meet that we quote again as before:

"Three weeks previous to his death he summoned four of the nearest children by wire and they, in turn, summoned those at a distance in a manner to seem to just happen to come home Christmas, and all save one remained with him till the end came. Up to ten days before his death he was as well as he was at Conference—able to be up and around the house. His preparation for the end he seemed to know was at hand was that as if preparing for a pleasant journey. He was cheerful through it all and had no regrets—was perfectly willing and said, "the Master doeth all things well." He talked much in those last days of the progress of the church in North Carolina, relating incidents and inquiring after the welfare of hundreds of members personally. From 11 o'clock P. M. till 3 o'clock A. M. he could not sleep, and members of the family made it convenient to happen to be awake, (for he did not like to put any one to inconvenience) and talk to him about people he knew, and church work. Those sleepless hours correspond with the ones spent in reading and study in the first twenty years of his married life."

"He was bright and cheerful as long as he could speak, and took occasion to say he had no hard feelings against any one."

About ten days before he fell on sleep he was stricken with paralysis, and the strong man arose from his bed no more. The disease took its fatal grasp on his throat, tongue and stomach, and thus he was incapable of speaking or taking nourishment, but was conscious for about seven days when he, to all appearance, sank into a condition oblivious of his surroundings, and so remained during the last three days of his life. What he suffered during those ten days, without food or drink, we do not know—it may have been much or it may have been little—no tongue that has been that way has come back to tell us; but if it had an agony that agony had an end on January the 6th, 1896, at 5 o'clock P. M., when he fell upon the bosom of the Master he had so long and faithfully commended to others, and was at rest.

One of his intelligent brethren who knew him well remarked that when he heard of Bro. Harris' death there ran through his mind, over and over again, the expression, "A great man in Israel has fallen to-day."

His funeral was preached by the President of our Conference, W. A. Bunch, after which his body was committed to the dust at Summerfield, Guilford county, N. C., at his own request, where we trust it reposefully awaits the still higher calling to the ministry of heaven.

J. C. ROBERTS,
CLIFTON L. WHITAKER,
W. A. BUNCH.

REV. S. A. CECIL,

At one time an active member of this Conference, died at his home in Davidson county on the 23rd day of September, 1896, aged sixty-six years, nine months and fifteen days. Bro. Cecil was converted in his seventeenth year, and soon thereafter united with the Methodist Protestant church. Some time in the sixties he was ordained an Elder, on Forsyth circuit, which was then under the pastoral charge of Rev. Alson Gray. At a subsequent period he aligned himself with the movement which, in 1867, culminated in the formation of the Methodist Church, was for two or more years President of the late Deep River Conference, and was a delegate to the Methodist General Conference, which met at Princeton, Ill., in 1872. In one of the following years he was employed by Rev. Dr. Bobbitt, Presiding Elder in the M. E. Church, South, as preacher in charge of Zion Mission in the N. C. Conference.

Bro. Cecil returned to the church of his early choice at Spring Hill, Davidson county, in the year 1886, and at the Conference of 1887 which was held at Flat Rock, he was assigned to the Monroe circuit, on which he traveled one year. The Conference of 1888 assigned him to the Catawba circuit, on which he went one round only and was released by the President, Rev. R. H. Wills, in consequence of ill health. From this period forward Bro. Cecil, on account of impaired health, took no work under the direction of Conference, and passed his remaining days in anticipation of the end which came on the 23rd day of September last.

Thus as the years go by our brethren drop out of the ranks of active service, but it pleases God that the ranks shall be kept full and the work go on until the end of time. Our deceased brother has gone from us but his mantle rests upon his honored son, who is a laborious and efficient worker in this Conference; and so, in humble resignation to His will who rules the world in righteousness and extends his authority over all tongues and people and nations, we are content with His divine allotments and wait for His word.

Respectfully yours,
J. L. MICHAUX,
W. R. LOWDERMILK.

SIXTH DAY—Morning Session.

President Bunch called Conference to order.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. R. Hutton.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion the name of J. W. Heath was placed on the superannuate list.

The following resolution was introduced and approved:

Resolved, that J. S. Hunter, R. N. Thompson, and John M. Coble be elected a Committee, vested with full power by this Conference to confer with council and advise the executor to the will of the late Milton Coble.

W. A. BUNCH,
C. L. WHITAKER.

The following was read and approved:

Second Partial Report of the Examining Board.

R. M. Andrews, N. G. Beathea, A. N. Brown, and E. G. Lowdermilk have been examined for admission to the class, and are recommended. R. M. Andrews, and E. G. Lowderwilk are recommended for the itineracy.

The following students in the course have passed examinations in the studies named :

R. E. Davis in Rhetoric, Watson's Institutes (3rd and 4th Parts).

W. D. Fogleman in Rhetoric, Watson (3rd and 4th Parts), Ralston's Elements of Divinity.

A. L. Hunter in Butler's Analogy, Logic, Moral Science.

E. G. Lowdermilk in Bassett's History of the M. P. Church, Binney's Theological Compend.

W. R. Lowdermilk in Binney, Bassett, The Pastor Amidst His Flock.

Wm. Porter in Butler, Blackburn's History to the Reformation, The Pastor Amidst His Flock, Binney's Theological Compend.

H. L. Powell in Rhetoric, Watson (3rd and 4th Parts), Blackburn's Church History.

J. R. Walton in Bassett's History.

C. H. Whitaker in Butler's Analogy, Blackburn's History, Ralston's Elements, Logic, Watson's Institutes, Moral Science.

J. D. Williams in Watson's Institutes (1st and 2nd Parts), Logic.

J. F. McCULLOCH, *Sec'y.*

On motion there was appointed a Committee of three on the representation in Sub-District Conference. The following were appointed: T. M. Johnson, C. H. Whitaker, and J. R. Hutton.

The following resolution was introduced and approved:

WHEREAS, it seems that North Carolina is a chosen field for impostors and false teachers who are received into the families of our people in violation of the injunction given in the 2nd Epistle of St. John and 10th verse; and

WHEREAS, this is especially true in regard to the Seventh Day 2nd Adventists, Mormons and Romish priests; therefore

Resolved, That it is timely and consistent with the examples of the Apostles and Reformers for our ministry to combat these false teachers and expose their unscriptural, false and corrupting doctrine wherever we may meet with them. R. R. M.

The following resolution was approved, unanimously, by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we hereby extend to the citizens of Burlington our humble and grateful thanks for all their hospitality so lavishly and kindly bestowed upon this Annual Conference, in providing for all our wants during our present session.

J. S. DUNN,
W. C. KENNETT.

Rev. T. F. McCulloch offered his resignation as a member of the Examining Board, which was accepted, and Rev. T. M. Johnson was appointed in his place.

On motion the Secretary of the Examining Board was requested to call the attention of the President to the remissness of one of its members, and that the President be authorized, if he deem it advisable, to appoint one to fill his place.

The characters of Revs. W. P. Martin, T. T. Ferree, and P. D. Moore, passed. The character of Rev. W. E. Swain was referred to a special committee consisting of C. A. Cecil, W. L. Harris, and Walter Beavans, to report this afternoon.

Conference Statistician reported, and his report was approved.

J. S. Williams was appointed to receive and forward to the proper person money collected for Theological Seminary.

J. H. Stowe was appointed to receive money collected for the indebtedness of Yadkin College.

Moved that pastors exert every energy to collect the money for the indebtedness of Yadkin College by the 15th day of May, and those who fail to make such effort be amenable to next Conference. Adopted.

The report on Sub-District Conference representation was presented and approved :

Your committee on Sub-District Conference Representation wish to submit the following report :

Believing that the representation in the Sub-District Conferences should be larger and that Sunday schools and finances should receive special attention, we recommend that there be four delegates sent from each charge, one to represent Sunday schools, one to represent finances, one to represent Christian Endeavor, and one to represent other interests of the church.

J. R. HUTTON,
T. M. JOHNSON,
C. H. WHITAKER.

The Committee on the character of W. E. Swain reported. The report was approved :

Your committee to investigate the facts relating to the passage of Bro. Swain's character ask that it be referred to the President.

A committee of three was ordered to prepare some plan for collection of Local Missionary money. Committee: President of Local Missionary Society, W. A. Bunch, M. H. Holt. This committee was requested to report in 60 days, and pastors are required to follow the plan proposed.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported and its report was approved :

Report on Missions.

We are pleased to note as one of the favorable signs of the times that the interest of our people in the great subject of Missions has not only not declined, but has sensibly grown, since the date of our last annual session, and, because of the probable increase of stringency in the money market meanwhile, we regard it as a most favaroble indication, that the receipts for missionary purposes, from all sources, for 1896, are more than ten per cent. what they were in 1895. But while we rejoice at this increase, there are abundant reasons why the receipts should have been doubled, or even trebled.

It is a well known fact that at this moment there is a cry from our missionaries in Japan for more laborers, and an increase of means to prosecute the great work which our church has so hopefully begun in that country.

The fact that one of the most successful missionaries we ever had in Japan is our own Rev. A. R. Morgan, whom North Carolina gave to the Board of Missions a few years ago, is no small reason why we should be stimulated to enlarge our contributions for that work, to which we may add the fact that the present energetic and successful Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions is Rev. T. J. Ogburn, a member of this body. Let us show to the church in other Conferences of the connection that we can not only furnish men, but money also, in obedience to the Divine command to give the gospel to every creature. We can, we ought to, we must do better, or we shall fall far behind our ability, our duty, our privilege.

This Conference has not only listened to Rev. T. J. Ogburn in his presentation of the Foreign Mission interest and the motives which should impel us to increased liberality toward the Foreign Field, but was addressed also in burning words by Rev. Benjamin Stout, our Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, in behalf of the interest which he represents, and which at this time is hard pressed for help We should not be loyal to our united church and its general interests did we not respond to the appeal of Bro. Stout for generous help. We cannot afford to disregard his appeal. As to the missionary work in North Carolina, recent developments indicate that a movement made within the coming year, if liberally sustained by the contributions of the church, promises to strengthen materially our cause in the bounds of this Conference. If we are wise and prudent, and liberal with our means, we may greatly increase our claims as being a live and progressive denomination in North Carolina.

Your Committee would most earnestly impress the Conference and the church, but especially upon the pastors, the necessity of early, earnest, diligent and untiring efforts to stir up and instruct the membership on the subject of Missions, for only by so doing can we attain to even a moderate success. Scatter information, stimulate zeal, encourage action, and neglect no opportunity, Meanwhile let the general church pray daily for the cause of Missions, and this will give the cause a place in their hearts and a portion of their means.

We believe that one of the best instrumentalities we have within reach, and one which should be used with greater diligence for the coming year, is "Children's Day," and its observance in all the churches of the district should become an object of special concern. Let all pastors take notice. We are pleased to note in this connection that our Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions promises to supply in convenient form some literature relating to the question of Foreign Missions which, we doubt not, will serve to instruct our people and stimulate their efforts.

Finally, brethren, let us make of 1897 a new era in zeal and effectiveness in the cause of Missions in all its departments, regarding what we have done heretofore as only the beginning of what we can do, praying in the Holy Ghost and striving according to His working which shall work in us mightily.

Your Committee would further report:

1st. As to the Board of Foreign Missions, that it has so managed its affairs as to be wholly free from debt, which fact will inspire confidence in the prudence and business skill of the Board, especially since so many of the similar boards of our country are burdened with enormous debts with accruing interest.

2nd. As to the Board of Home Missions, as represented by our brother, Rev. Benjamin Stout. All the Missions of this department are represented as in a prosperous condition, and the Missionaries faithful in their work. There are eleven missionaries and nearly nine hundred members. The Board is in so great need of money to sustain its operations that it is necessary to make special efforts to raise funds for that purpose, and we suggest that a sum equal to 14 cents per member be raised, if possible, during the coming year. Whether it be practicable to raise the amount suggested or not, in making the effort there are two forms in which we may present these claims—Easter service and mite boxes. These Home Mission Easter Services can be obtained, as also the mite boxes, on application to Rev. Benjamin Stout, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Rockford, West Va.

Respectfully,

J. L. MICHAUX,
W. M. PIKE,
W. C. KENNETT,
W. W. HUNTER,
J. H. SHARP.
Committee.

It was ruled by the President, Conference agreeing, that preachers' license should be renewed at the Quarterly Conference corresponding to the time of issue.

It is ordered that Examining Board meet each year, at 9 o'clock A. M., of the day preceding the opening of Annual Conference. On motion we endorse Bro. J. F. McCulloch's proposition to go around the District with phonograph, and give him our hearty support.

The following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of managers of the Superannuate Fund Society of the N. C. Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant church, have met and elected their officers as follows, viz: J. W. Heath, President, W. W. Amick, Vice President, and

WHEREAS, the Board at present consists of the following officers and members, viz: J. W. Heath, President, W. W. Amick, Vice President, W. O. Donnell, Secretary and Treasurer, J. L. Ogburn,

J. F. Harris, J. C. Roberts, T. T. Hicks and W. C. Hammer: Therefore be it

Resolved, by this Annual Conference that we ratify the election of the above officers and managers of said Board of the Superannuate Fund Society.

J. W. HEATH,
W. W. AMICK,
W. C. HAMMER.

Conference Steward's report was presented and approved without reading.

On motion Conference returns a vote of thanks to the railroads for favors to this Conference.

On motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. E. A. Plyler.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference called to order, Rev. W. F. Kennett presiding.

The report of the Auditing Committee was offered and recommitted.

The Committee on Boundaries submitted the following additional report, which was approved :

Your Committee on Boundaries would submit the following additional report, viz: That we detach Trail Branch and Wells' Chapel from the plan of appointments of Buncombe ct., and attach the city of Asheville to the said circuit.

W. C. HAMMER,
M. F. FURR.

The report of the Board of Church Extension was presented and approved :

Received from the various fields of labor	$ 260 02
Collection at meeting of Local Missionary Society	150 15
Total	$ 410 17

Disbursed as follows :

To Burlington Mission	$ 110 50	
High Point Mission	90 00	
New London church	24 67	
Liberty church	50 00	
Fairview church	75 00	
Total disbursements		$ 350 17
Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands Nov. 23, 1896		$ 60 00

W. A. BUNCH, *Chm'n.*
T. J. OGBURN, *Sec'y.*
B. DAVIDSON, *Treas'r.*

The Examining Board made additional report, which was approved, reconsidered, referred, and finally approved as follows :

We recommend the acceptance of Bro. J. H. Totten's credentials from the M. E. Church, South, and that he be granted credentials as an elder in the M. P. Church and admitted to membership in this Conference.

We do not deem it proper to ordain to the office of elder persons who have not taken our course of study or an equivalent unless there be strong reasons therefor growing out of an actual pastoral relation; but we believe that the exigencies of the work on the Albemarle circuit would justify the ordination of the pastor assigned thereto for the coming year, and we therefore recommend the ordination of Rev. D. A. Braswell at the earliest convenience of the President, with the distinct understanding that he pursue the studies of the course under the direction of the Examining Board, and that his election to membership in the Conference be contingent on his completion of said course.

J. F. McCULLOCH, *Sec'y.*

On motion Rev. J. H. Stowe was directed to pay money in his hands ($62.29) collected for Yadkin College indebtedness, to reduce the same.

Money in hand of C. A. Pickens, $31.58, is to be paid to Bro. Stowe to be applied as above.

The Auditing Committee again report, and their report was approved :

The following report shows the account between the several beneficiaries and this Annual Conference :

C. H. WHITAKER.

1894, Dec. 7th, amount due	$ 30 00

JAMES M. SIMPSON.

1894, Oct. 8th, amount due	$ 40 00
1895, Jan. 23rd, " "	35 00
1896, Sept. 26th, " "	35 00
1896, Jan. 24th, " "	25 00
Total	$ 135 00

W. E. SWAIN.

1882, Dec. 6th, amount due	$ 30 60
1883, Dec. 15th, amount due	25 00
1895, Nov. 1st, Cr. by cash, $5 60	
Bal. due	$ 50 00

J. R. WALTON.

1894, March 3rd, amount due	$ 25 00
1895, Nov. 23rd, Cr., $20 60	
1896, Nov. 18th, Cr., $1 27	
Bal. Due	$ 3 13

J. S. WILLIAMS.

1889, Nov. 22d, amount due		$ 75 00
1890, Dec. 16th, " "		65 00
1892, Dec. 16th, " "		62 50
1893, Feb. 13th, " "		10 00
1893, Nov. 25th, " "		30 00
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1894, Jan. 15th, Cr.	$ 30 00	
1894, Dec. 10th, Cr	50 00	
1895, Nov. 26th, Cr	50 00	
Bal. due		$167 50

N. M. MODLIN.

1889, Jan. 31st, amount due		$ 50 00
1889, Sept. 6th, " "		35 00
1894, Nov. 2[illegible], Cr.	$ 10 00	
1895, Nov. 26th, Cr.	10 00	
Bal. Due		$ 65 00

(Paid 5 per cent.)

J. D. WILLIAMS.

1890, Sept. 17th, amount due		$ 50 00
1891, Jan. 27th, " "		45 00
1891, Sept. 12th, " "		50 00
1892, April 23rd, " "		45 00
1896, Nov. 18th, Cr	$ 26 37	
Bal. due		$ 163 63

L. M. FINE.

1896, Feb. 3rd, amount due	$ 15 00
1896, Sept. 1st, " "	25 00

W. F. ASHBURN.

1891, Jan. 8th, amount due	$ 50 00

(Paid his 10 per cent.)

W. O. DAVIS.

1892, Nov. 28th, amount due	$ 35 00
1893, Dec. 8th, " "	51 44

J. W. FRANK.

1895, July 25th, amount due	$ 50 00

A. G. DIXON.

1896, Sept. 14th, amount due	$ 25 00

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. HARTSELL,
W. W. AMICK.

On motion Bro. C. H. Whitaker was excused from paying 10 per cent. of his salary this year.

The following resolution was presented and approved:

Moved that those having money collected for Yadkin College indebtedness hold same until next Annual Conference, and that Bro. J. H. Stowe be appointed as Committee to whom all pastors can report and that he report through *Our Church Record.*

On motion the Stationing Committee presented its report, which was considered by items, amended and adopted:

Report of Stationing Committee.

Charge.	*Pastor.*	*Post Office.*
Alamance	W. F. McDowell	Asheboro
Albemarle	D. A. Braswell	Skinnersville
Asheboro & Cedar Falls	C. A. Cecil	Asheboro
Buncombe	J. R. Savage	Weaverville
Burlington	J. G. W. Holloway	Burlington
Caldwell	H. D. Garmon	Indian Trail
Catawba	W. D. Fogleman	Gastonia
Charlotte	E. G. Lowdermilk	Charlotte
Chatham	W. W. Amick	Liberty
Cleveland	J. H. Moton	Fallston
Davidson	W. C. Kennett	Liberty
Flag Springs	N. M. Modlin	Salem Church
Flat Rock	W. F. Kennett	Stokesdale
Forsyth	J. F. Dosier	Dosier
Gibsonville	A. W. Lineberry	Greensboro
Granville	C. L. Whitaker	Kittrell
Greensboro	To be supplied	
Greenville	H. S. B. Thompson	Ante, Va
Guilford	W. C. Hammer	High Point
Halifax	J. S. Williams	Brinkleyville
Haw River	C. E. M. Raper	Guilford College
Henderson	T. M. Johnson	Henderson
High Point	W. R. Lowdermilk	High Point
Ivy	To be supplied	
La Grange	To be supplied	
Liberty	J. R. Hutton	Climax
Lincoln	I. I. York	Orleans
Littleton	C. H. Whitaker	Littleton
Mecklenburg	C. A. Pickens	Lexington
Mocksville	G. H. Austin	Monroe
Mt. Hermon	W. F. Ashburn	Osceola
North Granville	Wm. Porter	Dabney
Orange	W. M. Pike	Mebane
Pee Dee	J. R. Betts	Ramseur
Plymouth	W. O. Davis	Whitakers
Randleman	E. A. Plyler	Randleman
Randolph	G. F. Millaway	Julian
Roanoke	J. L. Michaux	Enfield

Charge.	*Pastor.*	*Post Office.*
Saxapahaw	J. D. Williams	Bradshaw
Spring Church	H. S. B. Thompson	Ante, Va
Stanly	W. C. Lassiter	Plyler
Surry	W. L. Harris	Culler
Tabernacle	J. E. Hartsell	Tabernacle
Tar River	R. M. Andrews	Whitakers
Uwharrie	A. L. Hunter	High Point
Wadesboro	R. E. Davis	Peachland
Westfield	J. L. Johnson	Brim
Winston	J. H. Stowe	Yadkin College
Winston Station	To be supplied	
Yadkin	J. R. Walton	Thomasville

Superannuated—R. R. Michaux, J. W. Heath, and J. N. Garrett.

Professor W. M. College—S. Simpson.

Loaned Board of Foreign Missions—T. J. Oghurn.

Editor OUR CHURCH RECORD—J. F. McCulloch.

Without appointment at their own request—T. F. McCulloch, L. L. Albright, D. A. Highfill, W. T. Totten, and J. S. Dunn.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

Liberty—G. W. Bowman.

Asheboro and Cedar Falls—T. T. Terree.

Littleton—D. A. Fishel.

Winston—R. R Hanner.

SUBJECT TO THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTION.

P. D. Moore, J. B. Tarlton, O. P. Routh.

Rev. D. A. Braswell was introduced and ordained to the order of Elder.

On motion the Superannuate Fund Society was requested to meet and make an appropriation to Rev. J. N. Garrett. Minutes read and approved. On motion Conference adjourned to meet on Wednesday after 3rd Sunday in November, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hartsell and L. M. doxology benediction by the President.

APPENDIX.

MINUTES OF SUPERANNUATE FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuate Fund Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, N. C. Conference, met at Burlington in Burlington church on the 23rd day of Nov., 1896, during the sitting of the Annual Conference. Members present, W. W. Amick and J. W. Heath. A letter was received from J. F. Harris, J. C. Roberts and J. L. Ogburn in which they make J. W. Heath and W. W. Amick their proxies. J. W. Heath was elected President pro tem, and W. W. Amick Secretary pro tem. On motion Rev. W. C. Hammer was elected one of the Board of Managers, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. C. F. Harris. On motion J. W. Heath was elected President of the Board of Managers, and W. W. Amick elected Vice-President. The present Board of Managers is as follows: Rev. J. W. Heath, President; W. W. Amick, Vice-President; W. O. Donnel, Secretary and Treasurer; J. L. Ogburn, J. F. Harris, J. C. Roberts, T. T. Hicks and W. C. Hammer. A letter was read from our agent in Halifax county. reporting as follows: One hundred and forty-five dollars and ninety-two cents for timber sold, and that the rent for 1896 he had failed to collect, up to the sitting of Conference, but that he would collect and remit soon.

On motion the Board decided to excuse the renter of our property in Halifax county five dollars, owing to the failure in crops this year.

On motion the Board ordered to be paid to W. W. Amick fifty cents, cost of getting Journal to Annual Conference (by express).

On motion the Board recommend the Annual Conference to appropriate ten dollars to the benefit of R. R. Michaux.

On motion the Board also recommends the appropriation of ten dollars to Mrs. James Deans.

It also recommends that ten dollars be paid to Mrs. C. F. Harris.

The Board also directs the Secretary to pay over the balance on hand to the Treasurer, W. O. Donnel.

Minutes read and adopted. On motion adjourned.

J. W. HEATH, *Pres.*

W. W. AMICK, *Sec'y pro tem.*
Burlington, N. C., Nov. 23, 1896.

Courses and Examiners.

The courses of Study and Examiners for candidates for the ministry in this Conference are as follows :

		PRICE OF BOOK.
First Year :	Binney's Theological Compend. Improved,-..	$ 50
	Broadus on Preparation and Delivery of Sermons,	1 43
	The Pastor Amidst His Flock	85
	Bassett's History of the M. P. Church	1 25
	Written Sermon on "Repentance."	
Second Year :	Ralston's Elements of Divinity,	2 68
	Watson's Institutes, 3rd and 4th Parts,	2 68
	Blackburn's Church History to the Reformation	1 60
	Hart's Rhetoric,	1 20
	Written Sermon on "Justification by Faith."	
Third Year :	Watson's Institutes, 1st and 2nd Parts,	
	Blackburn's Church History, concluded,	
	Hopkin's Law of Love, etc.,	1 27
	Jevon's Logic	43
	Bulter's Analogy,	95
	Written Sermon on "Apostasy."	

Rev. W. A. Bunch examines in Watson's Institutes; Rev. J. H. Stowe in Binney's Compend; Rev. C. L. Whitaker in Broadus on Sermons, and in Blackburn's Church History; Rev. W. C. Kennett in Bassett's History; Rev. W. F. Kennett in The Pastor Amidst His Flock, and in Ralston's Elements; Rev. J. F. Dosier in Rhetoric and Hopkin's Law of Love; Rev. T. M. Johnson in Jevon's Logic; the Secretary in Butler's Analogy. The written sermons, which must be original and contain about 2,000 words, must be in the Secretary's hands four weeks before Conference. Candidates may be examined on one or more years at a time, as they choose. The Secretary will order books on receipt of money for the same.

J. F. McCULLOCH, *Sec. Ex. Board*,
Greensboro, N. C.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPO

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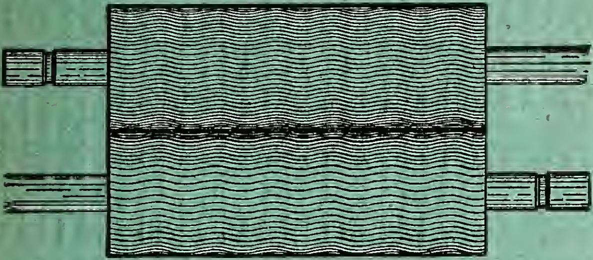

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PERMANENT RECORDS.

The seventy-second session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened at High Point, N. C., on November 24th, 1897, at 10 a. m.

Conference called to order by the President, and opened with religious exercises as follows: Song 222. President read 2 Corinthians, 4. Prayer by Brother J. E. Hartsell. Song 223. Prayer by Brother W. C. Kennett.

Bar of Conference fixed to include the first five seats and those on the right of the President.

Secretary called the roll.

The President read his report, which was referred, and his character passed by a rising vote:

To the N. C. Annual Conference, M. P. Church, High Point N. C., November 24th, 1897 :

Dear Brethren: The work of the Conference year, 1897, has been performed and we have assembled to report the same.

The pastoral charges of Greensboro, Ivy, Winston and La Grange were left unsupplied by last Conference.

Bro. J. F. McCulloch accepted the pastorate of Grace Church, Greensboro, and Bro. P. D Moore, that of Ivy circuit, in January.

No acceptable supply could be procured for Winston and La Grange until June, when Bro. J. W. Frank was assigned to Winston and Bro. C. E. Forlines, to La Grange.

Bro. Walton's health grew worse soon after Conference and he was released from Yadkin Circuit and Bro. Routh was assigned to the pastorate thereof.

Bro. E G. Lowdermilk was released from Charlotte Mission in February and no supply has been procured for said Mission, as the grounds of the release precluded the necessity of supply. The Conference is referred to Bro L.'s report for the reasons leading to this action.

Bro. Walton's health continued to decline until March 4, when death released him of his sufferings and he passed from the labors of earth to his reward beyond.

A committee has been appointed to prepare an obituary for presentation at this session.

Bro. Michaux's health became so impaired that he resigned the pastorate of Roanoke circuit, July the 29th, and Bro. E. G. Lowdermilk was commissioned as pastor thereof.

I find in the minutes of last Conference, page 48, this paragraph: "The character of Bro. W. E. Swain was referred to a special committee consisting of C. A. Cecil, W. L. Harris and Walter Beavans to report this afternoon." I also find on the same page this report: "Your committee to investigate the facts relating to the passage of Bro. Swain's character, ask that it be referred to the President."

Your executive has searched diligently and the above is the only reference to this case that can be found in the minutes. Thus it appears that the passage of Bro. Swain's character has been suspended for twelve months without a single charge having been preferred. This is, without a doubt, a suspension entirely upon suspicion and more than probable stands without a precedent in the history of the Conference.

Therefore, I would recommend, not only the prompt passage of Bro. Swain's character, but also that the Conference tender to him an apology for having dealt with so vital a question, in so careless a manner.

I will not occupy your time with an itemized account of the various charges—that can be obtained from pastors' reports, but will give a general outline, making special mention only of those items requiring special consideration.

The general routine work throughout the district, with but few exceptions, has been very well performed. In most instances the pastors have been faithful to the trust committed to their care, and the district has enjoyed a year of average prosperity, with the foundation laid for extending our borders in some directions.

I received an enquiry in the early part of the year from Polk county, wishing to know how to organize a Methodist Protestant Church. The desired information was furnished and the result is a new society in territory not hitherto occupied or touched by any of our pastors. Similar inquiries have come from other sections of outside territory, but they could not be attended to in person, nor could a suitable proxy be obtained to meet all demands, as some were more complicated than the above.

The present size of almost every pastoral charge in the district is such, that an extension of the work by the pastors is next to an impossibility and if our borders are to be enlarged, we must rely upon special agents or missionaries to accomplish the task. The matter of employing missionaries in unoccupied territory is so shaping itself in voluntary demands, that it must occupy your attention in the future as it has not done in the past.

Owing to the financial depression, but few church buildings have been undertaken during the year; those of most importance were in Lexington, Plymouth and Littleton.

The Lexington church has been completed, the other two are yet in course of erection. Those two uncompleted churches will occupy very important points, and the Conference should render all the aid and encouragement possible. I feel that I cannot too strongly emphasize the importance of occupying these important centers.

There is in some parts of the district, either an indifference or a careless neglect in regard to the administration of the Lord's Supper. This may be chargeable to the pastors, or it may be chargeable to the stewards, but in either case it is a serious wrong, for which the Conference should apply a remedy. There is also in some charges very grave maladministration and I am confident that no willful criminality attaches to any one, but a serious ignorance of the law does attach.

Some quarterly conferences constitute themselves a supreme council, to decide upon the constitutionality of the actions of the *General Conference* and under such circumstances it would not require special judicial ability to enable them to decide any law unconstitutional, which they did not wish to obey.

The *Constitution* and *Discipline* is not sufficiently known and regarded to insure a uniform practice throughout the district.

In seeking a remedy for those evils, two things should be carefully considered—first a more thorough knowledge of the Discipline by the administrators of the law—second, some plan by which a more systematic executive work of the district can be obtained. Your attention is most earnestly called to those things.

In reference to boundaries I would suggest that Giles' Chapel and Davis' Chapel be detached from Asheboro and Cedar Falls circuit and attached to Randleman circuit. That Shiloh, Friendship, Yadkin College and Gravel Hill be detached from Winston circuit, and that they together with the church in Lexington, constitute a circuit known as Lexington circuit. In view of the fact that Cleveland circuit has in the past year extended her borders, having grown too large for one pastor, I would recommend, instead of a division, that the circuit be supplied for the coming year with an ordained pastor and an unordained assistant. I am confident that this is advisable. Would recommend that Westfield be dropped.

Your special attention is called to that greatest of errors, committed at the Greensboro Conference in 1895, and found on pages 31 and 32 of the printed minutes of said Conference, wherein each and every member of the Conference is given the power of appeal from any and every item of the Stationing Committee's report. This resolution not only gives every representative autocratical power over the charge he represents, but also vests him with authority to impede the work done in reference to any other charge in the district.

Under such a regime the name of Stationing Committee should be eliminated from our proceedings and in the stead thereof a commission appointed to negotiate with the representatives.

Instead of said resolution being a law, it is only a resolution of this Conference, conferring upon the laymen, that which is denied them in the Constitution and Discipline of the church, and amounts to a *protest*, on the part of the Conference, against the *law* of the *church.*

The representatives to the Conference are elected by a majority vote of the charge they represent; however large and respectable the minority may be, they must delegate their authority to the one receiving the majority of the ballots cast, but the candidate of any charge in the district, who received the minority vote of said charge, has as much right to demand and receive a seat in this body as the one receiving the majority vote has to rule this body.

If the majority must obtain in the election of delegates to this Conference, then the majority must obtain in this Conference, otherwise we would have a law to control the election of delegates, but no law to control the delegates when elected, and with our present resolutions, this is precisely the condition we are in.

The itinerant ministers of the *Methodist Protestant Church*, more than any other class or order, have been the pioneers and self-sacrificing sufferers in establishing upon this continent a Methodism of the *Mutual Rights* of the ministry and laity and it has not been less so in North Carolina than elsewhere.

If the self-respecting manhood of those consecrated men, who have given their all to free you from priestly despotism, is to be sacrificed in order to accommodate the narrow, local views and personal preferences of the minority, then the struggle and sacrifice has been for naught. We can never prosper as Methodist Protestants in open violation of Methodist Protestant law.

This subordination of the prerogative of the Conference to the will of the minority left two of our important charges unsupplied for seven months of the past year, which has had a disorganizing tendency and very damaging effects and we have thereby lost some of as good members as we have in the district. To continue the practice is to suffer the results, for the eternal law that a cause will produce an effect, is a law which this Conference cannot repeal.

Mutual Rights means neither ministerial dictation nor lay sovereignty and the law that admits or encourages either is not Methodist Protestant law.

The time has fully come when nothing short of an active, aggressive itineracy can hold the ground already occupied and without which progress is impossible. On the charges where the pastors give their whole time to the work of the church, is to be found the greatest spiritual development, the best financial system and the most intelligent and aggressive people.

Every proper means should be used to bring the ministry of the Conference to the one and only work of the church, for while the plea has been made, in the past, that some fields paid so little, that a supplement by secular employment was a necessity, yet by such secular management, some charges that would have supported the active itinerants, have been reduced to a financial minimum.

Your attention has previously been called to section 2, page 108 of Discipline, which is as follows: "The president shall see that every pastor in the district duly enters upon and continues in the faithful discharge of all his official duties." It is impossible to see that this duty is performed, unless the pastors be required to report to the president immediately on entering upon the work assigned them, giving their *Post Office* address for the year. Some pastors go upon new charges, whose address is not given in the minutes and they make no report to the president, nor publish their address in the church papers, therefore it is impossible for the executive to reach them or to know where they are.

It is unnecessary for me to make any report in reference to the Publishing House, since most of you attended the reception given in the building last evening and the report of the building committee will furnish you the desired information respecting said enterprise.

Our Church Record will now be placed upon a more permanent basis; its usefulness should be greatly enlarged, as the conditions will enable the editor to apply less physical force and devote his mental ability more exclusively to the editorial work.

The paper should be given a wider circulation; this can be done by a persistent effort on the part of the pastors; they stand between the editor and the people. The editor reaches the people when the pastor has enabled him to do so by forwarding the necessary subscriptions.

The subscriptions to the *Methodist Protestant* have been very much reduced in the past few years; this should seriously engage your attention, for if the paper goes out of the district, the district will go out of the paper and our isolation thereby be increased.

The mission of the Methodist Protestant church is, to a very great extent, a mission of education, and we will hinder rather than advance this should-be ideal work, if we drive from our territory one of the prime factors in the dissemination of said education.

We should be broad in our views and liberal in our feelings, but to confine ourselves within the narrow limits of our own district, excluding ourselves from every other part of the church, would be to dwarf and localize our views and feelings.

The motto upon our banners, "One is your Master even Christ; and all ye are brethren," is an ensign around which the people would gather, were they properly educated in the principles embodied therein. Therefore the *Methodist Protestant* and *Church Record* should make weekly visits to every Methodist Protestant family in the N. C. district, and they, together with other literature explanatory of the principles of freedom promulgated by our fathers, should go into thousands of homes outside of our church. It is not less, but more, literature that we need, for we claim to have light, and if we are right in the claim, we will be criminally in fault if we fail to give it to the perishing masses.

Reports of the charges were solicited in reference to the number of conversions, number of accessions, and the amount collected for Church Extension.

The reports received give the conversions of 31 charges, the accessions of 33, and collections of 28, which show an average per charge of 37 conversions, 28 accessions, and $13.63 of collections.

If this average is maintained throughout the district, it will show a total of 1,850 conversions, 1,418 accssions, and $681.50 collected for Church Extension.

Bro. J. R. Betts presented his report for the year, paid over the amounts collected for the general interest, except amount collected for Yadkin College indebtedness, which amount he stated was in the hands of the delegate. He asked for and received a certificate of his standing in the Conference. Owing to the serious illness of my family in the early part of the year, I have failed to visit all the work, and whether it could all be reached in one year, without any impediment, save the work itself, is a question, which it is more than probable will never again be answered in the affirmative.

There must be a very serious wrong somewhere, when the salary of the executive is made to depend upon his covering a territory which is absurd and impossible without jeopardizing his life. As we have no men which we can afford to sacrifice, I would recommend that you either change the plan of visitation, divorce the salary and visit, or station the president.

The pastor of Burlington church comes before you under charges of immoral conduct.

So far as your executive has been able to investigate, there appears to have been an attempt on the part of some unknown parties in the town to destroy the reputation of the pastor.

It is the opinion of competent judges that the whole matter is a conspiracy, and that the blow was aimed to destroy the rising influence of the church in the town, and that the pastor was used as the medium to reach this desired end.

The pastor asks an immediate investigation, and I assure you that the interest involved precludes delay.

At the Enfield Conference of 1886, J. P. Eller, J R. Buckner, W. T. Clinton, C. A. Pickens and Jno. A. Carter were appointed Trustees to receive the money willed to this Conference by the late J. R. Wells. Those Trustees were never authorized by the Conference to use one dollar of said money, except the amount required to carry out the provisions of the will in erecting Wells' chapel, but about $1,000 has been spent by said Trustees without any authority. They were ordered by the Conference at La Grange to pay the amount then on hand, about $90.00, to the Conference Trustees, but nothing has been received. Surely the Conference cannot tolerate such usurpation.

I trust the Conference will enter upon the work of the session at once, and give every subject the consideration which it merits, and let nothing be done hastily or unadvisedly, for what is done here will either advance or impede the work for the next twelve months.

With this report, I submit the year's work for your consideration, and pray the blessings of the *Great Head* of the *Church* upon your deliberations and your future labors in the glorious cause of saving souls and building up the Redeemer's Kingdom in this sin-cursed world.

Most truly your co-worker in the gospel,

W. A. BUNCH.

Time for meeting and adjourning fixed as follows: Meet at 9, adjourn at 11:30; meet at 1, adjourn at pleasure; meet at 7, adjourn at pleasure.

The President announced the following committees:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

Faculty—J. F. McCulloch, W. A. Bunch, W. C. Kennett, C. L. Whitaker, J. F. Dosier, T. M. Johnson, W. F. Kennett, J. H. Stowe.

Colleges—A. W. Lineberry, W. C. Hammer, G. S. Kernodle, G. G. Hendricks, W. F. Bowman.

Missions—J. F. McCulloch, W. W. Amick, W. F. McDowell, R. G. Procter, G. W. Coble.

Literature—W. F. Kennett, E. A. Plyler, W. F. Ashburn, J. H. Pegram, A. E. Carter.

Boundaries—J. E. Hartsell, J. L. Ogburn, J. N. Gill, J. E. Burroughs, C. H. Hardin.

Christian Endeavor—C. H. Whitaker, C. E. M. Raper, J. F. McAdams, J. M. Albright, G. W. Massie.

Temperance—T. M. Johnson, W. M. Pike, R. H. Brooks, Walter Beavans, J. E. Stafford.

Finance—J. R. Hutton, H. S. B. Thompson, A. Braswell, N. M. Harrison, A. P. Ivester.

Sunday-Schools—J S. Williams, J. H. Stowe, J. R. Savage, J. F. Furr, G. M. Thompson.

Pastoral Work—W. C. Kennett, A. L. Hunter, W. T. Howard, D. W. Hardee, J. W. Guyer.

Fraternal Relations—C. A. Cecil, J. L. Michaux, J. D. Anderson, S. N. Guyer, D. L. Surratt.

Ordinances—J. F. Dosier, J. L. Michaux, A. L. Thomas, Madison Brown, J. F. Whitaker.

Correspondence—W. L. Harris, I. I. York, C. A. Pickens, J. H. Spencer, J. A. Hunter.

Pres. Report—C. L. Whitaker, C. H. Hardin, J. L. Ogburn.

Unfinished Business—J. N. Garrett, J. H Stowe, S. M. Speas.

Pulpit Service—W. R. Lowdermilk, W. P. Pickett, W. C. Hammer.

Statistics—G. F. Millaway, W. C. Lassiter, E. G. Lowdermilk.

Conference Stewards—W. M. Pike, R. M. Andrews, J W. Frank.

COLLECTORS.

Foreign Missions—N. G. Bethea.
Home Missions—C. E. Forlines.
Church Extension—W. D. Fogleman.
Colleges—O. P. Routh.
Superannuates—Wm. Porter.
Ministerial Education—N. M. Modlin.
Theological Seminary—G. H. Austin.
Publishing Minutes—D. A. Braswell.
American Bible Society—Dr. W. K. Hartsell.

On motion the following were appointed Committee on Ministerial Moral Character: A. W. Linebery, D. A. Highfill, W. C. Kennett, W. C. Hammer and J. N. Garrett.

Committee on Credentials: C. H. Whitaker, J. H. Stowe and J. H. Pegram.

Letter read from I. I. York on election of delegate, and it was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

First Day--Afternoon Session.

The President called Conference to order.

Letters to Conference referred to Committee on Correspondence.

On motion the following were elected Standing District Committee: W. W. Amick, J. L. Michaux, Jeremiah Hunter, W. O. Donnell and O. R. Cox.

To consider appointment of Stationing Committee was made the order of the day for 10 a. m. to-morrow.

On motion Conference accepted an invitation to attend Thanksgiving services at the Friends Church.

On motion Conference selected Liberty, N. C., for holding next session.

Brother J. J. Kesler was seated as alternate delegate from Lincoln circuit.

On motion the character of W. E. Swain passed, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference recognize, by a rising vote, that it acted carelessly in failing to pass the character of Bro. Swain at session of 1896.

On motion Conference to meet on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1898.

On motion the Secretary to call the roll of charges, and pastor or delegate to report amount raised for Yadkin College debt.

On motion the case of J. G. W. Holloway was referred to Committee on Ministerial Moral Character.

On motion it was made the order of the day at 1 p. m., Thursday, to consider the Yadkin College debt.

On motion Saturday, at 10:30 a. m., was fixed as the time for missionary meeting of the Local Missionary Board.

The following brethren were appointed Committee on Ministerial Official Character: W. F. Ashburn, G. F. Millaway, Dr. J. N. Gill.

On motion pastors required to read financial reports in open Conference.

Order of the day for 10 a. m., Friday, to hear Rev. T. J. Ogburn in the interest of foreign missions.

Brother Battle, of the South Carolina Conference, was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat within the bar.

Money was raised by collection, and the Secretary was instructed to purchase necessary stationery for Conference use.

The Secretary not required to re-write reports already written.

On motion the President to fix the time for holding memorial services of Bro. J. R. Walton.

Order of the day having arrived, Conference proceeded to elect officers. The President appointed as tellers J. R. Hutton and I. I. York. Rev. W. A. Bunch was re-elected President. On motion the vote was made unanimous. C. L Whitaker was re-elected Secretary. The Secretary was empowered to name his own assistant. The Secretary appointed W. E. Swain.

On motion Conference adjourned with the benediction by W. E. Swain.

First Day--Night Session.

The Conference was called to order by President Bunch at 7 p. m.

Choir rendered "Conquering Now."

Rev. W. A. Bunch then introduced Dr. Bradshaw, Mayor of High Point, who, in well chosen words, delivered an address of welcome. Rev. W. E. Swain then introduced Rev. J. R. Savage, who responded to the address of welcome.

The choir then rendered "Praise Him."

On motion N. M. Lawrence, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, was introduced and made a very touching address in the interest of the asylum.

On motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by T. M. Johnson.

Second Day--Morning Session.

Conference called to order by the President at 9: 15.

Rev. J. W. Frank read John 14: 1-14 and lead the Conference in prayer.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

On motion the President was authorized to appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of T. F. McCulloch, J. F. Dosier and J. H. Pegram.

Dr. F. T. Tagg, editor of *The Methodist Protestant*, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion order of the day to be deferred till Dr. Tagg finish his speech.

Committee on Ministerial Moral Character reported.

Your committee on Ministerial Moral Character beg leave to make the following report:

The matter referred to us by the Conference relative to Rev. J. G. W. Holloway's moral character has received our patient, faithful and prayerful consideration, having had before us all the attainable evidence we could get here, and being unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion without more light, your Committee most respectfully ask the appointment of a special committee of one minister to go to Burlington, N. C., and associate with him Bro. William Stafford, that they may get all the possible testimony, for and against, relative to the case that we may make a more intelligent report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. LINEBERRY, Ch'm.,
D. A. HIGHFILL,
W. C. KENNETT,
W. C. HAMMER,
J. N. GARRETT, Sec.

Report adopted.

The President appointed J. H. Stowe as committee.

The following resolution, regulating Stationing Committee, was adopted:

Resolved, That the stationing authority of this Conference shall be constituted as follows:

Resolved, That the Conference shall vote by orders; the ministers shall elect by ballot one man; the laymen shall elect by ballot one man. The two men thus elected shall constitute the Stationing Committee.

Resolved, That said Committee shall be vested with authority to station the effective ministers and preachers of the Conference, and to supply all the charges in the district.

Resolved, That the Conference voting as a body shall elect, by ballot, three ministers and three laymen, who shall constitute the Committee of Appeals.

Resolved, That in the event the Stationing Committee cannot agree in the appointment of any minister or preacher, or in the supply of any charge, they shall refer the matter, together with the statement of each man, to the Committee of Appeals, who shall consider and decide the contest, which decision shall be accepted by the Stationing Committee, and form the part of their report respecting said minister, preacher, or charge.

Resolved, That in case any contest shall be brought before the Committee of Appeals which personally affects either minister, or the charge represented by either layman of the committee, that said minister or layman thus personally interested, shall be excused from service in the committee during the hearing of said contest.

Resolved, That the Stationing Committee, together with the Committee of Appeals, shall complete their work, and the report shall be presented to the Conference not earlier than the last day of the Conference, and so far as the Conference has jurisdiction said report shall be final.

W. C. HAMMER,
G. M. THOMPSON,
A. BRASWELL, JR.,
J. F. McADAMS,
J. E. HARTSELL,
J. E. BURROUGHS,
I. I. YORK,
J. S. WILLIAMS,
J. L. OGBURN,
W. W. AMICK,
CLIFTON L. WHITAKER,
T. M. JOHNSON,
W. C. KENNETT,
W. F. KENNETT,
C. A. PICKENS,
GEO. W. COBLE.

On motion Conference proceeded to elect Stationing Committee. Tellers: Minister—W. F. Kennett; layman—D. W. Hardee. Minister elected on Stationing Committee, W. A. Bunch; layman elected, J. L. Ogburn.

Conference adjourned to attend Thanksgiving services at the Friends Church.

Second Day==Afternoon Session.

On motion Yadkin College indebtedness was to be considered after election of Committee on Appeals.

On motion the Assistant Secretary cast the entire vote of the Conference for the three ministers receiving the highest number of votes on first ballot. The ballot was cast for A. W. Linebery, C. A. Cecil and C. L. Whitaker. J. H. Pegram was elected layman on Committee of Appeals, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Conference. The vote was cast for G. S. Kernodle and D. W. Hardee.

The order of the day having arrived, the discussion of the Yadkin College debt was taken up.

On motion the President appointed a committee to solicit funds to pay the debt on Yadkin College. Appointed, J. H. Stowe.

Brother Stowe presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the moneys collected for Yadkin College indebtedness be paid over to the Trustees of this Conference and all pledges be paid to them by February 1, 1898. And if enough is not secured by that time that they be empowered to borrow the money on as favorable condition as possible and settle said indebtedness at once, and take from the present trustees a deed made to the trustees of this annual Conference.

J. H. STOWE,
J. E. HARTSELL,
D. A. HIGHFILL.

Letter from Dr. Stephens was read and referred to Committee on Colleges.

Following characters passed: W. W. Amick, J. D. Williams, O. P. Routh, C. L. Whitaker, G. F. Millaway, R. E. Davis, W. F. Kennett, R. M. Andrews, C. E. M. Raper, T. M. Johnson, W. F. McDowell, J. H. Moton, N. M. Modlin, D. A. Braswell, J. R. Savage, C. A. Pickens, J. R. Hutton, C. A. Cecil, I. I. York, C. H. Whitaker, H S. B. Thompson, C. E. Forlines, J. W. Frank, W. C. Lassiter, J. S. Williams, W. M. Pike, J. H. Stowe, W. F. Ashburn.

On motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. W. Amick.

Second Day--Night Session.

Conference assembled to hear the Conference sermon by Rev. J. R. Hutton.

After the sermon the Committee on Literature presented its report, which was read and then withdrawn.

On motion Conference adjourned with prayer by Brother J. H. Moton.

Third Day--Morning Session.

H. S. B. Thompson read the fifteenth Psalm and led in prayer.

Rev. H. L. Elderdice, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, was introduced to the Conference. Collection, $68.60.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

On motion resolution on Yadkin College debt reconsidered. Resolution referred to J. H. Stowe.

Characters of J. E. Hartsell, E. A. Plyler, J. F. McCulloch, A. W. Linebery, W. L. Harris, E. G. Lowdermilk, W. C. Kennett, William Porter, J. F. Dosier, W. C. Hammer, W. R. Lowdermilk passed.

Committee on Pastoral Work made its report:

Your Committee on Pastoral Work would respectfully submit the following:

The work of the minister is two-fold—that of pulpit teacher, and of pastor. Not more than half of the minister's effective gospel work is done in the pulpit; often the *best* half is done by contact with individuals. Thus, true pastoral work is needed. It is the minister's duty to do this work, and so responsibility rests upon each one. Christ's teaching to us is: "Go out into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor and maimed and halt and blind;" and also, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

This is our duty as we find it in Christ's precept. This teaching is enforced by his example in his living tender association with humanity. Next to man and wife, the most loving, strongest and tenderest of human relations is that which ought to exist between pastor and people. He is Christ's representative, and is bound to take Christ as his example. Jesus was ever full of sympathy for all. He stooped to the lowest, and never repelled the most degraded. He went home with the rich, hated, unpopular Zaccheus, and saved him. He dealt personally, in teaching, with a woman of soiled character, at the well of Sychar, and this in open daylight, and which resulted in her salvation, and in bringing others under the power of his gospel truth.

That other sinning woman who washed his feet with her tears received gentle treatment and saving grace from the loving Jesus. He took little children in his arms and blessed them. All this shows his brotherhood for all sorts and conditions of humanity. The good pastor goes as a shining light into the homes of the people. The minister who, for any cause, neglects pastoral work, and does not keep himself in touch with his flock, he and they are losers thereby.

The work of the minister is to win souls to Christ and then help them to the higher life, and in doing this he must bring to bear "head, heart and hand. '

From these suggestions and others that cannot be given in this short report, your committee would urge all our pastors to seek divine guidance, and be fathful in this and all work for the loving Master.

Your committee, fearing these reports are too much a formality rather than a reality, would suggest a review of past reports on pastoral work, and especially those written by Bros. T. J. Ogburn, T. M. Johnson and J. E. Hartsell, and published in minutes of Asheboro, Greensboro and Burlington conferences.

W. C. KENNETT, Ch'm.,
J. W. GUYER,
D. W. HARDEE,
A. L. HUNTER.

Adopted.

Committee on President's Report made its report:

1. We recommend that pastors be urged to look after contiguous territory and organize churches where advisable. (Adopted.)

2. We recommend the consideration by this Conference of the appointment of a Conference Missionary. (Adopted.)

3. In the matter of neglect of the Lord's Supper, we believe that the pastors are more at fault than the membership, and we recommend that the law in the Discipline on this subject be rigidly observed; and where the people are negligent, pastors preach on the subject, and endeavor to educate the people up to it. (Adopted.)

4. As regards the maladministration, your committee believe there is no excuse for ignorance of the law, and in case of pastors we recommend they be reprimanded for failure to inform themselves of our church law, and that where Quarterly Conferences sit in judgment on the actions of the General Conference, this Conference do not recognize the credentials of its representative till the wrong be righted. (Adopted.)

5. We recommend that the part of the report on boundaries be referred to the Committee on Boundaries. (Adopted.)

6. We are glad to say that in our opinion the great wrong com-

mitted by the Greensboro Conference, Minutes of 1895, pages 31 and 32, has been remedied by the action of this Conference. (Adopted.)

7. We desire to emphasize the importance of ministers devoting their whole time to the work. (Adopted.)

8. We recommend that pastors be required to report to the President immediately on entering upon his field of labor and give his post office as well as report quarterly thereafter, and in case of failure he receive a reprimand in open Conference. (Adopted.)

9. Section on church paper be referred to Committee on Literature. (Adopted.)

10. In the matter of Presidential visitation and collection, your committee has nothing to recommend, but refer to this Conference. (Adopted.)

11. We recommend that special committee be appointed to investigate matters connected with the Wells bequest and if possible report to this Conference. (Adopted.)

12. That all other parts of the President's report be approved.

C. L. WHITAKER,
J. L. OGBURN,
C. H. HARDIN.

Order of the day having arrived, Brother T. J. Ogburn, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, preached on foreign missions.

On motion meeting of afternoon session deferred till 1:30.

On motion 2:30 was made the order of the day to hear report of Publishing House Committee.

Conference adjourned.

Third Day--Afternoon Session.

The President called Conference to order and resumed consideration of report of Committee on President's Report, which was considered by items and adopted.

Committee on work in Asheville reported:

Your committee to look after and report the situation in Asheville report that we find there to be quite a number of members in the city. An organization has been perfected the past year, but owing to the fact that they have services but one Sabbath in the month, but little progress has marked the year's labors.

It is the opinion of those who are best acquainted with the situation that Asheville should be detached from Buncombe circuit, and that it shall constitute a mission. Therefore your committee recommend that it be made a mission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BUNCH,
J. R. SAVAGE,
J. H. GILL.

Report referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Character of the following passed: A. L. Hunter, J. L. Michaux, W. O. Davis, W. D. Fogleman.

On motion Dr. Tagg was invited to preach at 7:30. Order of the day after preaching, to hear Rev. H. L. Elderdice, President of Westminster Theological Seminary.

Order of the day deferred till 3 o'clock.

Characters of the following passed: J. B. Tarlton, George E. Hunt, J. H. Totten.

Committee on Christian Endeavor reported:

Some one has defined Christian Endeavor to be "working with enthusiasm," and all our pastors admit that "where you can have a successful C. E. Society it is a great thing." The reports show that there are successful societies in town and country churches.

We believe that the subdistrict superintendency has been helpful and successful.

We again urge that a society be formed in each church and that the pastor help to bring the members to a definite line of work. "We are willing to work, but don't know what to do," is often heard. We also urge the pastor to promote spirituality as much as possible and that the sub-district superintendency be continued; being appointed in the same way and having the same duties as last year. We also commend the new feature of communication to and from AUNT RUTH through *Our Church Record*, and believe it to be very helpful and useful and would recommend that our C. E. Superintendents encourage this by personal appeals to the Juniors to write to AUNT RUTH.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. MASSEY,
J. F. McADAMS,
C. E. M. RAPER,
C. H. WHITAKER,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, The custom of having the president to visit all the churches on each charge during the year requires more strength and time than one man has at his disposal, in order to do well the work of the executive; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all pastors in circuits be and are hereby urged to endeavor to make satisfactory arrangement with all their congregations to come together at one or two appointments to meet the president, said arrangement to include as earnest and honest an effort to raise the president's salary at the points not visited as if he visited these points in person. Be it further

Resolved, That as soon as such arrangement has been made it be so reported by the pastor to the president.

T. M. JOHNSON,
C. H. WHITAKER,

Order of the day having arrived, it was deferred till the Trustees of Publishing House be ready to report.

Character of J. N. Garrett passed.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by W. C. Hammer.

Third Day--Night Session.

Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., editor of *The Methodist Protestant*, preached to the Conference, after which Rev. H. L. Elderdice, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, addressed the Conference.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, A call has been made to the North Carolina Conference by the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary for an assessment on the district of three hundred dollars for the aid of said Seminary; and

WHEREAS, The President of this Conference, Rev. W. A. Bunch, and two members of the Board of Governors—Brother J. Norman Wills and Dr. F. R. Harris—have sent to our ministers a circular letter requesting a ready response to that appeal,

Resolved, That this Conference approves of the recommendation of the President and the members of the Board of Governors, and that the sum of three hundred dollars be raised for the support of the Seminary, the amount to be apportioned among the various charges in the district in the same ratio as the President's salary.

The Trustees of the Publishing House of the Methodist Protestant Church made their report.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. H. L. Elderdice.

Fourth Day—Morning Session.

Conference called to order by the President at 8:15, and religious exercises conducted by Rev. William Pike by reading the first chapter of 2 Corinthians, and prayer.

Minutes of the previous day read and adopted.

On motion Brothers A. J. Harris, L. R. Gooch and R. T. Pickens were invited to seats within the bar.

Conference resumed consideration of report of Trustees of Publishing House, and it was approved.

HIGH POINT, N. C., Nov. 26th, 1897.

To the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in session at High Point, N. C.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Pursuant to the provision made in the charter, the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Publishing House begs to submit its annual report as follows:

By reference to the last annual report it will be found that there was a balance of cash on hand of $13.22. Additional pledges to the amount of $441.50 were secured at the last Conference.

As you are aware, it was the intention, when the enterprise was begun, to avoid all debt. It became apparent to the minds of the Trustees, however, that it might be desirable to command ready cash at times, hence your body passed a resolution at its last session authorizing the committee to provide necessary funds by hypothecating subscriptions in hand, or an existing rent contract.

The Building Committee made an earnest and continued effort to collect all outstanding pledges and increase the amount of the same before commencing work. It soon became apparent that we were at a standstill, and that, until we should begin work, we could hope for neither payments nor subscriptions. The Board of Trustees met in Greensboro in April, and, after canvassing the matter most thoroughly, instructed the Building Committee to borrow money so as to enable them to go on with the work, depending upon pledges in hand and income from rent to pay such indebtedness. This plan has been carried out, and the building is now practically completed, at a total cost, including lot, of $7,885.00. There has been pledged in all $5,468.44, of which $4,779.69 has been collected. $689.75 in pledges still remain unpaid. It is to be hoped that all of this will be paid, but at this late stage considerable margin must be allowed for shrinkage. A balance of $2,642.50, above subscriptions considered good, still remains unpaid.

It is in order to explain why the cost of the building and lot is so largely in excess of what was at first contemplated—$5,000.00 The Building Committee found that there was every reason for erecting a building in every way creditable, as it would bring increased revenue, besides adding much to the prestige of our Church.

It would not have been possible to carry out the plan, however, but for the generous proposition of the Publisher, who has agreed to allow the greater part of the income promised him under the original proposition to be devoted toward liquidating the debt.

Your Board of Trustees, however, have a proposition to submit looking to increasing the circulation of the paper, thus allowing the income, less expenses, to be appropriated toward liquidating the debt. The income, under present prospects, will probably amount to about $750.00, less expenses.

J. NORMAN WILLS,
Secretary.

On motion R. M. Holt was seated as alternate in place of delegate who goes home.

Money for Theological Seminary and Ministerial Education to be turned over to Rev. H. L. Elderdice.

Conference then resumed consideration of Presidential visitation. Brother J. R. Hutton offered as a substitute that the President formulate a plan and present same to the Conference for approval.

Brothers Hartsell, Amick and Davidson re-elected Conference Trustees for two years.

On motion C A. Cecil, A. W. Linebery and J. L. Ogburn elected to succeed themselves for three years as Conference Trustees.

Characters of the following passed: G. A. Austin and H. D. Garmon.

Committee on ordinances presented its report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

We, as Methodist Protestants, in common with other Protestant bodies of Christians, recognize two ordinances of the Christian church, viz: Baptism and Lord's Supper. And while we do not recognize the observance of either of them as a condition upon which sins are forgiven, or that the elements used in them have any cleansing efficacy whatever, to take away sin, still we do recognize them as "certain signs of grace, and God's good-will towards us, by the which He doth work invisibly in us;" therefore we recommend that all pastors and churches co-operate earnestly in faithfully observing both ordinances, according to our Articles of Faith and Discipline; especially the Lord's Supper and Infant Baptism, in regard to which there seems to be the most neglect.

J. F. DOSIER,
J. F. WHITAKER,
M. BROWN,
A. L. THOMAS.

Conference adjourned.

Fourth Day—Afternoon Session.

President called Conference to order.

Report of Committee on Ordinances approved.

Committee on Boundaries presented report, which was considered by items, amended and adopted.

Your Committee on Boundaries recommend:

1. That North Granville Circuit be changed to Vance Circuit. (Adopted.)
2. That Pedee Circuit be attached to Flag Spring Circuit. (Adopted.)
3. That Charlotte, New Union and Brower's be detached from Flag Spring Circuit; that Giles' Chapel and Davis' Chapel be detached from Asheboro and Cedar Falls Circuit; that these five churches constitute a new Circuit to be known as Richland Circuit. (Adopted.)
4. That Westfield Mission be dropped. (Adopted.)
5. That Asheville and Swannanoa be detached from Buncombe Circuit and be made a Mission to be known as the Asheville Mission. (Adopted.)
6. That Shiloh be detached from Winston Circuit and that Lexington and Shiloh be made a Circuit known as Lexington Circuit. (Adopted.)
7. That Whitaker's and Speight's Chapel be detached from Tar River Circuit and attached to Roanoke Circuit, and that Harmony be attached to Halifax Circuit, and that Tar River be dropped from the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HARTSELL,
J. L. OGBURN,
J. E. BUROUGHS,
J. N. GILL,
C. H. HARDIN.

On motion the Secretary is required to publish in *Our Church Record* at such times as he may deem wise such action of this Conference as, in his judgment, should be brought before the people of the district.

Auditing Committee's report adopted.

Letter from Rev. J. C. Berrien, Secretary of Ministerial Education, read.

Report of Committee on Temperance adopted:

There is no longer any difference of opinion among right thinking people concerning the evil of the liquor traffic. All such people are agreed that the traffic is evil and only evil, robbing men of their money, destroying their bodies and damning their souls. The time has passed when any Christian can afford to be silent or inactive. The extent of the ruin being wrought demands immediate, continuous and emphatic action, such action as will be felt and as will make enemies of the advocates of the traffic.

We believe it the Christian duty of every friend of temperance to patronize in his business or profession any man who has the courage to take a stand for the temperance cause thereby, in many instances, losing from his business or profession, the patronage of those favoring the liquor traffic.

We also believe that temperance workers should make a continuous organized effort, rather than some spasmodic effort just preceding an occasion, (election, for an example) to decide some question affecting the liquor traffic; that all preachers should preach from time to time clear, straightout temperance sermons; that all *Christian* men should and will vote against the liquor traffic whenever an opportunity is offered.

T. M. JOHNSON,
W. M. PIKE,
J. E. STAFFORD,
WALTER BEAVANS,
R. H. BROOKS.

Brother Webb, of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to Conference.

Report of Committee on Missions approved:

The Board of Home Missions has been a useful agency in the spread of our denomination and in its firm establishment in important centers of population. We deplore the fact that receipts have fallen so far below expectation as to leave the Board several thousand dollars in debt. The new Secretary and Treasurer, however, hopes that responses to the appeal recently directed to pastors will be such as to enable him to pay off all debts by April next. We heartily recommend that our pastors and people co-operate with Secretary Chambers in the effort to pay for work already done, and to continue work of the same kind as Providence may open the way. We think that this general interest should be among the first to receive the attention of our pastors and people in the ensuing Conference year.

The Board of Foreign Missions is out of debt, and its work in Japan is in a hopeful condition, requiring the services of the additional missionaries recently sent. The enlargement of the work will require a corresponding enlargement of the income of the Board, and Secretary Ogburn, foreseeing the need, has sounded a note of warning against the danger of debt, and in view of the specially increased need has appealed for special Christmas offerings for this holy cause. We would recommend that our pastors present this matter wherever they have opportunity to urge it upon the attention of our people as they select the objects of their Christmas offerings.

We believe that Children's Day should be observed in every church, and that the collection for Foreign Missions should be taken from the adults as well as from the children.

J. F. McCULLOCH,
W. W. AMICK,
W. F. McDOWELL,
G. W. COBLE,
R. G. PROCTOR.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools approved:

Since the pastor is required by the Discipline to see that a Sunday School be organized in every church,

And the Sunday School Superintendent is entitled to a seat in the Quarterly Conference,

And the Quarterly Conference is authorized to provide for the election of Sunday School officers and to see that our own literature is used,

And since in many churches the only weekly meeting is the Sunday School,

It is evident that the Sunday School is a vital part of our church life.

1. We recommend that Superintendents be required to present written reports to each Quarterly Conference giving account of the attendance, collections, the increase or decrease in the membership. The report at the last Quarterly Conference to be a summary of the work of the year.

To this end we recommend,

2. That suitable record books be used by the schools so as to make it possible to make accurate reports.
3. That a determined effort be made to get every church member and available non-church member into the school.
4. To favor those who cannot attend by carrying the Sunday School to them. To secure the names of those who will agree to study the lessons regularly. To furnish them with literature, and visit them at stated times, not less than once a month, to discuss the lessons and give any instructions necessary.
5. We recommend that conscientious class work be insured by thorough preparation on the part of teachers and superintendent. That the main purpose be to win the pupils to Jesus and to give them a thorough knowledge of the text.

J. S. WILLIAMS,
G. M. THOMPSON,
J. R. SAVAGE,
J. H. STOWE.

Report of Committee on Correspondence adopted:

The committee on correspondence submit the following report: We have received through the Secretary of the Conference letters from Rev. Geo. E. Hunt, Rev. L. L. Allbright, Rev. G. W. Bowman, also Bro. T. L. Whitaker.

The letters received from the ministers referred to Stationing Committee.

Greetings from Bro. Whitaker duly appreciated.

W. L. HARRIS, Ch'm.
C. A. PICKENS,
I. I. YORK,
J. H. SPENCER.

Brother Johnson offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this Conference be requested to name, not less than two months prior to the next session, one man to discuss each subject on which reports are to be presented for consideration and adoption.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, Were it possible to avoid payment of the debt due on Yadkin College, such a step would dishonor this Conference; and

WHEREAS, It is impossible to avoid the payment, and an attempt would only incur the dishonor, therefore be it

Resolved, That those who have paid or pledged for said indebtedness be, and are hereby requested to pay into the hands of the Trustees of this Annual Conference by February 1st such money, to by them used in liquidating said debt as far as it will go.

Resolved, Further, that the Trustees be authorized to borrow, on as favorable conditions as possible, sufficient money to entirely complete the payment of the whole debt, and a deed to said trustees be taken.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to raise and pay such borrowed money by the next session of this Conference.

The following were elected members of the Board of Church Extension: Ministers—W. A. Bunch, W. W. Amick, T. J. Ogburn; laymen—B. Davidson, J. H. Pegram.

Report of faculty presented and approved:

We would recommend for admission to the course of study, Bros. J. H. Bowman and J. B. O'Briant.

We would recommend for ordination Bros. Wm. Porter, W. D. Fogleman, J. W. Frank.

We would recommend for election to membership in the Conference Bro. Wm. Porter.

The following have passed in the studies named: W. O. Davis, J. W. Frank, G. H. Austin, C. E. Forlines, R. M. Andrews, J. B O'Briant and J. H. Bowman, in Binney's Compend; R. M. Andrew and Wm. Porter in "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons;" D. A. Braswell, R E. Davis, E. G. Lowdermilk, J. W. Frank, W. O. Davis, R. M. Andrews, in "The Pastor Amidst His Flock;" Wm. Porter J. W. Frank, in Bassett's History, and Wm. Porter in Ralston's Elements of Divinity, Watson's Institutes and Blackburn's Church History; Wm. Porter, R. M. Andrews and J. W. Frank, in Hart's Rhetoric: W. D. Fogleman and Wm. Porter, in Hopkin's Law of Love; W. D. Fogleman, in Butler's Analogy; W. D. Fogleman, Wm. Porter, R. E. Davis, C. E. Forlines, J. W. Frank, in Logic.

W. A. BUNCH, *Ch'm.*
J. F. McCULLOCH, *Sec.*

Special committee on the Wells bequest: J. R. Savage, J. R. Hutton, D. W. Hardee.

On motion creation of Conference Missionary be referred to Board of Church Extension to formulate plans and report to this Conference.

Election law amended by adding: "And that pastor, immediately after fourth Quarterly Conference, certify to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the representative elected."

On motion election law as amended be published in the minutes, as amended since last published.

Prof. J. Allen Holt made an honorary member of Conference.

Brother Harrell, of the Presbyterian Church, introduced to Conference.

On motion report of special committee for Yadkin College re-referred to said committee.

Committee on Finance presented report.

Consideration of report on Finance waived to hear report of Committee on Ministerial Moral Character, which was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance taken up, amended, and adopted:

Your Committee on Finance wishes to make the following report:

1st. We have reasons to believe that reports to this Conference will show an increased contribution to the causes of Foreign Missions, Church Extension and Superannuates. We fear the reports for other interests are not so good. It is not the province of your committee to comment upon the past, but to lay plans and suggest means for the future.

We feel sure that the cause of Foreign Missions is safe in the hands of our worthy Secretary and Treasurer, so far as plans and means are concerned, and we would urge the church in North Carolina to accept all the means that have been and may be given them by Brother Ogburn, and pray God's blessings upon the cause of Foreign Missions.

2nd. We look with great interest upon the work of Local Missions, and consider it of vital importance that we "enlarge the place of our tent." We think the result of the past and the hope of the future should give us some inspiration to press forward in this work. We recommend the use of the envelope in taking this collection.

3rd. We recommend the report of the Conference of 1896 in regard to Superannuates, which is as follows:

"We feel constrained to call the attention of this Conference to the responsibility of caring for our superannuates and the widows of deceased ministers and their families. We have men who have borne the heat and burden of the day; men who have wrought long and well in the ranks of the itineracy. Some of these have already been superannuated and others of necessity must become so soon.

"We deem it a sacred duty devolving upon our church to care for these men of God who have been compelled to toil on small salaries, and have by their labors so advanced the cause of Methodist Protestantism in North Carolina as to make it possible for the younger members of this body to receive a more comfortable support.

"(*a*) We recommend, therefore, that each pastor be required—not requested—to present this cause to all the churches under his charge and receive such contributions to this cause as he may induce them to make.

"(*b*) We make these recommendations not in advocacy of charity, but prompted by a sense of justice toward these brethren for their faithfulness and usefulness to our church, and believing that to leave them uncared for is a crying shame upon us and our people."

4th. We recommend that other general interests receive the attention which this Conference requires. If neglect upon the pastor is apparent the matter shall receive the attention of the Conference.

5th. We do not recommend any definite assessment per capita for these general interests.

6th. In the collection for pastors' salaries we would recommend the election of good and faithful persons whose integrity is not questioned by any. Also that we use the assessment plan passed by the Annual Conference, and that each steward be required to report publicly each quarter the amount received and from whom. We further recommend as a system that tithing be a minimum for paying to the Lord.

7th. We recommend that the President's salary be $1,000, apportioned as follows:

Asheboro and Cedar Falls, $25.00
Alamance, $35.00
Burlington, $7.50
Catawba, $18.00
Caldwell, $5.00
Davidson, $30 00
Flag Springs, $25.00
Granville, $30.00
Greenville, $20.00
Greensboro Station, $15

Albemarle, $15.00
Buncombe, $20.00
Richland Circuit, $17.00
Chatham, $15.00
Cleveland, $27.00
Flat Rock, $40.00
Forsyth, $25.00
Guilford, $25.00
Gibsonville, $10.00
Halifax, $30.00

Henderson Station, $27.50
High Point, $10.00
Lexington Circuit, $10.00
LaGrange, $20.00
Lincoln, $27.00
Mecklenburg, $20.00
Mt. Hermon, $35.00
Randolph, $22.50
Randleman, Worthville, $20.00
Surry, $20.00
Spring Church, $10.00
Uwharrie, $22.00
Winston Station, $10.00
Wadesboro, $7.00
Asheville, $5.00
Haw River, $35.00
Ivy, $18.00
Littleton, $18.00
Liberty, $25.00
Mocksville, $20.00
Monroe, $8.00
Orange, $25.00
Roanoke, $35.00
Saxapahaw, $15.00
Stanly, $20.00
Tabernacle, $35.00
Vance, $25.00
Winston Circuit, $20.00
Yadkin, $10.00

J. R. HUTTON, *Ch'm.*
H. S. B. THOMPSON,
A. BRASWELL, JR.,
A. P. IVESTER.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to disburse money for Superannuates.

Dr. Hartsell authorized to send money for American Bible Society to Dr. Law.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Benediction by W. W. Amick.

Fourth Day--Night Session.

Conference called to order by the President at 7:15.

The following resolution came up from the Henderson Quarterly Conference and was adopted:

> On motion the Quarterly Conference will request Rev. J. F. McCulloch to prepare an address on "The Doctrine and Polity of the M. P. Church," to be delivered here some time in the future, the date to be agreed upon; and furthermore this Quarterly Conference suggests to the Annual Conference that they join in a request to Bro. McCulloch that this address be prepared with a view to delivering it at any point in the bounds of the Conference where it may be desired.
>
> The above action was taken at our Fourth Quarterly Conference, November 3rd, 1897.
>
> F. S. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

Committee to disburse money for Superannuates: J. E. Hartsell, J. H. Stowe and J. H. Pegram.

On motion Rev. J. F. McCulloch was elected Committee to Publish Minutes.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

This Annual Conference desires to express its pleasure to the editor of the *High Point Enterprise* for engraved copies of our church, gratis, furnished to the members of this body.

J. S. DUNN,
J. R. SAVAGE.

Committee on Colleges reported, and report was recommitted.

The following resolution was presented and approved:

Resolved, That the pastors and laymen, members of this Conference, be and are hereby urged to endeavor to get the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies on their various charges to make a Thanksgiving or Christmas offering of useful articles, such as clothing, provisions and the like, to the Orphanage at Oxford, N. C.

The following was presented and approved:

WHEREAS, The *Methodist Protestant* is one of the general organs of the M. P. Church, and is therefore expected to furnish information concerning each Conference District; and

WHEREAS, The editor cannot furnish said information without the co-operation of the ministry and laity, therefore be it

Resolved, That we heartily co-operate with the editor of said paper both by furnishing news items and by aiding in the extension of its circulation.

T. M. JOHNSON,
C. H. WHITAKER,
D. W. HARDEE.

The following was presented and approved:

Resolved, That the President's plan of appointments shall not be published in the church papers, thereby leaving him free to make his plans and if need be any special arrangements between the pastor and himself, through private correspondence.

W. E. SWAIN,
C. L. WHITAKER.

The report on Literature presented and approved:

Your Committee on Literature would submit the following report: The *Methodist Protestant*, under the able editorial guidance of Dr. Tagg, was never better, if ever so good as at present. This, the old mother paper, together with the *Methodist Recorder*, is worthy of a much larger circulation among our people. The only way to be intelligent on the work of the general church is to read one or both of these general organs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

We are gratified to believe that more and more of our Sunday Schools are discarding Union Literature and substituting "Our Own." Pastors should use their best efforts to hasten the day when only our literature will be used in Methodist Protestant Sunday Schools.

OUR CHURCH RECORD.

That which most concerns us as a Conference is the permanent establishment and enlargement of our local church paper.

The membership of our Conference have recently viewed with pleasure, the new Methodist Protestant publishing house, now being brought to completion in the city of Greensboro, which is to be the future beautiful and attractive home of *Our Church Record*. The Editor is to be congratulated upon his success in launching and bringing to a successful conclusion this important church enterprise and upon the excellence of the paper, as well as the regularity with which it reaches the subscribers. It is very desirable that the paper be enlarged and otherwise improved in the near future. This is only possible by an increased circulation. Indeed, the comfortable existence of the paper with its present proportions imperatively demands an increased number of permanent and paying subscribers. To the accomplishment of this end, we would direct our best endeavors. Nor should the responsibility of its accomplishment rest wholly upon the ministry; let every intelligent and loyal layman lend a helping hand and let there be no cessation of effort until *Our Church Record*, enlarged and improved, shall go into every Methodist Protestant home within the bounds of the N. C. Conference.

We would recommend that the pastors and the President of the Conference write more frequently for publication, believing as we do, that no department of the paper is of so much interest to the general reader as news from the field.

We endorse the "History of the M. P. Church," written by Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse and commend it to the patronage of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. KENNETT, *Ch'm.*
E. A. PLYLER,
W. F. ASHBURN,
J. H. PEGRAM,
A. E. CARTER.

On motion assessments made for Superannuates same as last year and apportioned as last year.

Same plan for collecting Church Extension funds, with same committee.

On motion Standing Committee to make Preliminary Report, report to be heard and recommitted without discussion.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by W. W. Amick.

Fifth Day--Sunday.

Immediately after the sermon Sunday morning Revs. W. D. Fogleman, J. W. Frank and Wm. Porter, the brethren elected to Elder's Orders on Saturday, were introduced and ordained by President W. A. Bunch.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock memorial services of Rev. J. R. Walton were held and the obituary prepared by the Committee was read.

Sixth Day--Morning Session.

Rev. O. P. Routh read 2 Cor. 4, and led in prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

The motion requiring the Stationing Committee to present a Preliminary Report reconsidered and approved.

On motion the Preliminary Report of Stationing Committee to be made to Conference only.

Committee on Fraternal Relations presented its report which was approved:

1. We have had with us at this session Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, which interest he faithfully represented, and we are always pleased to have him with us in annual sessions.

2. We have had with us also Rev. H. L. Elderdice, President of

Westminster Theological Seminary, who bears greetings from J. W. Hering, President of General Conference; Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D., Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of Western Maryland College; Prof. S. Simpson, and Brothers Dixon and Hartsell, who are students in Western Maryland College. We are pleased to receive greetings from the above named brethren, and they may expect our sympathy and hearty co-operation in their work.

3. We also have had in our midst the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions in the person of Rev. T. J. Ogburn, who preached an excellent sermon on Foreign Missions, and we trust and believe that his work among us has been helpful to all who heard him.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

C. A. CECIL, CHM'N,
D. L. SURRATT,
S. N. GUYER,
J. D. ANDERSON.

Committee on Wells Bequest reported.

The following motion was adopted:

Moved that a committee consisting of the President of the Conference, the pastor of Buncombe Circuit for the year 1898 and one other to be selected by these two be appointed to investigate facts concerning the Wells' will and report to the session of this Conference in November, 1898.

Money in hands of Bro. Routh for Colleges ordered turned over to Bro. Stowe for Yadkin College.

Bro. Forlines was instructed to send money collected for Home Missions to the Corresponding Secretary of that Board.

The Examining Board presented an additional report which was adopted as follows:

We recommend the ordination of Bro. C. E. Forlines to the Order of Elder.

On motion, resolutions regarding Yadkin College reconsidered, amended and approved:

Resolved, That the matter of satisfying creditors be referred to a committee consisting of the President of the Annual Conference, Revs. J. H. Stowe and W. F. Kennett, and Bros. W. P. Pickett, J. L. Ogburn and J. A. Holt and that this committee be directed to to proceed as follows:

To continue to urge the payment of all assessments for this object and to solicit individual pledges therefor until the whole amount is raised, provided this is accomplished by February 1st, 1898.

In case the amount secured by February 1st, 1898, is not sufficient to discharge the indebtedness, the committee shall then try to engage a Methodist Protestant principal for a school to be conducted in the college building who will advance the balance necessary to pay the debt in consideration of the use of the building for school purposes for such time as shall be agreed upon between the committee anp the principal. In making such arrangement the present principals Prof. G. W. Holmes, shall be given the preference.

In case no satisfactory arrangement of this kind can be made within a reasonable time, the committee shall then seek for members of the Methodist Protestant Church who will advance the balance needed in consideration of the control of the property for school purposes for such time as may be agreed upon.

In case this arrangement cannot be made, the committee shall then, with the consent of those who have claims on the property, sell the same and apply the proceeds to the payment of the debt, but shall hold money which has been conditionally contributed to the Annual Conference, subject to the order of the Annual Conference at its next session.

When the debt is paid the property shall be transferred to the incorporated Board of Trustees of this Conference.

The ordination of Bro. Forlines was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock to-day.

On motion photograph of Conference to be taken at 1:30.

Committee on Colleges again presented its report and it was approved:

We are pleased to have an opportunity to express our pleasure in knowing that the Methodist Protestant Church has two schools of high grade and in successful operation, known as Western Maryland and Adrian Colleges. We are glad to know that these schools are doing much for our church and much for the kingdom of Christ; we therefore recommend them to those who are seeking such advantages and religious training as they give.

As to Yadkin College, there has been so much written of late about this institution that your committee think it unnecessary to go over the old ground in this report. Its indebtedness is one of its troubles, but we are glad to know that the means being raised are nearing the capacity of liquidating its debts. We trust the good work will go on to a speedy relief of all indebtedness and we urge this Conference to take immediate steps to this end. We also hope it will be patronized by our people, and friends outside of our denomination.

Your committte also feel deeply interested in the Kansas City University, it being located in the great West. If successful, great good will come to the church and to the cause of Christ through its instrumentality, and we hope that the liberality of the brethren and friends who have means will be such that this institution will be put on a safe foundation at once. Having received a communication from Bro. D. S. Stephens through the Conference and after having carefully considered the same, we find that we cannot comply with the proposition of H. J. Heinz. We therefore recommend that each pastor present within two months after having arrived upon his fields of labor this Institution and ask a donation for the same and forward to H. H. Cowan, Pittsburg, Pa.

Your committee also takes great pleasure in presenting the claims of Falston Institute, a school belonging to the North Carolina Annual Conference. This school is calculated to do much good in the surrounding community and to all who seek the training it gives We, therefore, recommend the same to all who are seeking tuition in a school of the same grade.

Your committee has the pleasure, also, of presenting Oak Ridge Institute, though not a denominational school, yet, on account of the work it has done for our Conference in the way of preparing our young men for the ministry.

Therefore, "*Resolved*, that the liberality of the principals of Oak Ridge Institute toward our denomination in giving free tuition to our young men studying for the ministry, is worthy of our appreciation and we tender them our thanks for the favor shown us in this respect."

The above resolution by Rev. Prof. J. F. McCulloch and Rev. J. H. Stowe, your committee, with pleasure adopts.

A. W. LINEBERRY,
W. C. HAMMER,
G. S. KERNODLE,
W. F. BOWMAN,
G. G. HENDRIX.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Moral Character was recommitted.

Sixth Day--Afternoon Session.

Conference called to order at 1 o'clock by W. F. Kennett.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch presented the following which was approved:

Resolved, That each of the Boards and Societies responsible to this Annual Conference should make annual report to this body of the state of affairs committed to it, including a statement of the receipts and disbursements of money.

Resolved, That the incorporated Board of Trustees or its Treasurer should give bond for the faithful use of money or property committeed to said Board.

Committee on Ministerial Moral Character again report and the report was approved:

We your Committee to whom has been referred the question of the Ministerial Moral Character of Bro. J. G. W. Holloway, beg leave to report:

1st. We find that there is no positive evidence that he is guilty of crime.

2nd. We find that, by his own statement, his conduct has been such that it amounts to gross carelessness and criminal thoughtlessness at least, and that there was such indiscretion as forces us to recommend that his character does not pass.

3rd. We recommend that he be left in the hands of the President, this Conference expressing no opinion as to his guilt or innocence, to allow him an opportunity to exonerate himself before the President, who shall have power to give him such work as in his judgment he may see fit.

A. W. LINEBERRY,
W. C. KENNETT,
W. C. HAMMER,
D. A. HIGHFILL,
J. N. GARRETT, *Sec.*

On motion Uwharrie Circuit requested to pay balance due Rev. J. R. Walton, the pastor to act as agent to collect it, and pay on Bro. Walton's debts.

Order of day for 2 o'clock deferred till 7 to-night.

The following was presented and approved:

Your Committee to Disburse Money Collected for Superannuates recommend as follows:

Mrs. A. J. Laughlin	$ 5 00
Mrs. James Deans	30 00
Sallie Albright	10 00
R. R. Michaux	50 00
J. N. Garrett	40 00
Mrs. J. G. Whitfield	20 00

J. E. HARTSELL,
J. H. PEGRAM,
J. H. STOWE.

On motion balance on hand from collection for Superannuates to be turned to Superannuate Fund Society.

On motion the work of the Stationing Committee to be submitted to the Committee on Appeals and reported without preliminary reading.

After the reading of the aggregate of each the report of the Conference Stewards was approved.

On motion the President requested to revise, if need be, Rules of Order and Programme of Business, and they be published in the Minutes of Conference.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Stowe.

Sixth Day--Night Session.

President called Conference to order and Bro. C. E. Forlines was introduced and ordained to the office of Elder.

Report of Obituary Committee approved.

Rev. T. M. Johnson offered the following which was approved:

Resolved, That the President shall appoint a Committee of three to recommend to the next Annual Conference a three years' course of study for licentiates, the annual renewal of their license to depend on passing a satisfactory examination before the Committee of Examination provided for on page 62, Section 3, of the Discipline: *provided* that when any licentiate shall have passed three satisfactory annual examinations including the entire course, the renewal of his license shall no longer depend upon such examination.

Resolved, That until such course shall have been provided by the Annual Conference, each Committee of Examination shall provide its own course of examination before his license shall be renewed.

The following was presented and approved:

Resolved, That this Conference tender the people of High Point of all denominations, and Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, pastor of M. P. Church, a rising vote of thanks for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have welcomed and entertained the members of Conference and the visitors.

C. H. HARDIN,
T. M. JOHNSON.

Superannuate Fund Society presented Minutes of its meetings held since last Conference:

The Board of Managers of the Superannuate Fund Society of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina met in Grace Church, Greensboro, N. C., on the 10th day of February, 1897, this being a called meeting of said Board. The following members were present, viz.: J. W. Heath, President; W. W. Amick, Vice-President; J. L. Ogburn and W. C. Hammer. J F. Harris was present by proxy.

The meeting opened by reading a portion of Scripture and prayer.

W. C. Hammer was elected Secretary pro tem.

W. W. Amick moved that we appropriate $25 00 to Rev. J. N. Garrett in the event we have the money on hand that we can legally appropriate, and if not now on hand. to pay him out of the first funds that come into our hands. Adopted.

W. W. Amick moved that W. C. Hammer be appointed a committee to confer with the Treasurer and counsel, if necessary, as to the disposition of certain funds now in the treasury.

On motion the minutes were read and adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

The Board of the Superannuate Fund Society of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met in the M. P. Church in High Point, N. C., on November 27th, 1897, it being during the session of the Conference. The following members were present, viz.: J. W. Heath, President; W. W. Amick, Vice-President; J. L. Ogburn, W. C. Hammer, and J. C. Roberts by proxy.

W. C. Hammer was elected Secretary pro tem.

Edward Wills was elected a member of this Board.

Bro. Edward Wills, agent for the Board, reports and pays over $35.40, for which he has our receipt.

J. L. Ogburn was appointed to pay over said money to W. O. Donnell, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. Edward Wills was continued our agent for our property in Halifax county, and is hereby authorized to sell said property, if, in his judgment, he thinks it is to the best interest of the Church.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 29th of November, 1897.

MONDAY, November 29th, 1897.

The Board met according to adjournment.

On motion it was ordered that in the event our agent cannot effect a sale of our property in Halifax county, then it shall become his duty to rent the same at a standing rent.

Rev. J. E. Hartsell handed over, by order of the Annual Conference, $53.30 to be paid out under the direction of the Conference, and not to go into the permanent fund. J. L. Ogburn was appointed to convey said money to W. O. Donnell, Secretary and Treasurer, and take receipt for same.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary and Treasurer be asked to pay 6 per cent. on all moneys in his hands belonging to this Board.

On motion the minutes were read and adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. W. HEATH,
President.

W. C. HAMMER,
Secretary Pro Tem.

President read his Financial Report and it was approved.

Report of Committee on Boundaries was reconsidered, amended and approved.

On motion Conference held devotional exercises.

Board of Church Extension presented their report and it was approved:

November 29, 1897.

Cash on hand		$557 19
DISBURSEMENTS.		
To W. R. Lowdermilk,	$ 50 00	
E. G. Lowdermilk	38 55	
W. O. Davis	100 00	
J. G. W. Holloway	100 00	
Lexington Church	40 00	
Littleton Church	40 00	
Plymouth Church	40 00	
Edenton Church	40 00	
Gumberry Church	20 00	
Lew London Church	20 00	
Palestine Church	7 50	
Gideon's Grove Church	7 50	
Red Hill Church	15 00	
Printing, envelopes, blanks, etc	22 00	
Telegram	25	
		$540 80
Balance on hand November 29, 1897		$ 16 39

The appropriations to Lexington, Littleton, Plymouth, Edenton and New London Churches, are made on condition that these churches are to be insured for the benefit of the N. C. Conference, M. P. Church.

The appropriations to Palestine and Gideon Grove Churches are to be paid when the treasurer is assured sufficient amounts have been raised by their congreagtions to paint these churches—sufficient including these appropriations.

We recommend the appointment of a Conference Missionary to be under the direction of the Board of Church Extension.

T. J. OGBURN, *Sec.*

Stationing Committee reported:

Alamance	W. F. McDowell.
Albemarle	D. A. Braswell.
Asheboro and Cedar Falls	J. R. Savage.
Asheville	————

Buncombe	To be Supplied.
Burlington	C. A. Cecil.
Caldwell	H. D. Garmon.
Catawba	W. D. Fogleman.
Charlotte	———————
Chatham	E. G. Lowdermilk.
Cleveland	J. H. Moton, N. G. Bethea.
Davidson	W. O. Davis.
Flag Springs	N. M. Modlin.
Flat Rock	W. F. Kennett.
Forsyth	W. C. Lassiter.
Gibsonville	W. W. Amick.
Granville	C. L. Whitaker
Greensboro	T. M. Johnson.
Greenville	J. D. Williams.
Guilford	W. C. Hammer.
Halifax	W. L. Harris.
Haw River	C. E. M. Raper.
Henderson	J. S. Williams.
High Point	W. R. Lowdermilk.
Ivey	P. D. Moore.
LaGrange	C. E. Forlines.
Lexington	C. A. Pickens.
Liberty	G. F. Millaway.
Lincoln	I. I. York.
Littleton	C. H. Whitaker.
Mecklenburg	J. F. Dosier.
Mocksville	G. H. Austin.
Mt. Hermon	W. E. Swain.
Orange	W. M. Pike.
Plymouth	W. F. Ashburn.
Randleman	To be Supplied.
Randolph	H. S. B. Thompson.
Richland	A. W. Lineberry.
Roanoke	R. M. Andrews.
Saxapahaw	D. A. Highfill.
Spring Church	J. D. Williams.
Stanly	A. E. Plyler.
Surry	W. C. Kennett.
Tabernacle	J. E. Hartsell.
Uwharrie	A. L. Hunter.
Vance	William Porter.
Wadesboro	J. N. Garrett.
Winston	J. H. Stowe.
Winston Station	J. W. Frank.
Yadkin	O. P. Routh.
Missionary	J. R. Hutton.

W. A. BUNCH,
J. L. OGBURN,
Committee.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

W. W. Russell on Stanley.
G. W. Bowman on Liberty.
T. T. Ferree on Asheboro.
D. A. Fishell on Littleton.
R. R. Hanner on Winston.
T. F. McCulloch on Tabernacle.

SUPERANNUATES.

R. R. Michaux, J. L. Michaux, J. W. Heath.

Professor in W. M. College.—S. Simpson.

Loaned Board of Foreign Missions.—T. J. Ogburn.

Editor of *Our Church Record.*—J. F. McCulloch.

Without appointment at their own request.—J. S. Dunn, W. T. Totten, L. L. Albright.

Subject to the President's direction.—J. H. Totten, J. B. Tarlton, R. E. Davis, J. L. Johnson.

On motion the Examining Board to meet at the call of Chairman of the Board.

Committee on Statistics granted permission to hold report to get it more nearly perfect.

Minutes read and approved.

Conference adjourned to meet Wednesday before 4th Sunday in November, 1898, in Liberty, N. C.

Prayer by Rev. R. R. Michaux.

W. A. BUNCH, *President.*

CLIFTON L. WHITAKER, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE, 1897.

W. A. Bunch,
W. W. Amick,
W. F. Ashburn,
L. L. Albright,
G. W. Bowman,
C. A. Cecil,
J. F. Dosier,
J. S. Dunn,
T. T. Ferree,
D. A. Fishel,
J. N. Garrett,
J. G. W. Holloway,
W. C. Hammer,
J. R. Hutton,
W. L. Harris,
J. E. Hartsell,
A. L. Hunter,
J. W. Heath,
D. A. Highfill,
R. R. Hanner,
G. E. Hunt,
T. M. Johnson,
W. C. Kennett,
W. F. Kennett,
A. W. Lineberry,
W. C. Lassiter,
W. F. McDowell,
J. H. Moton,
N. M. Modlin,
G. F. Millaway,
J. L. Michaux,
R. R. Michaux,
J. F. McCulloch,
T. F. McCulloch,
P. D. Moore,
T. J. Ogburn,
C. A. Pickens,
W. M. Pike,
E. A. Plyler,
Wm. Porter,
C. E. M. Raper,
O. P. Routh,
J. R. Savage,
S. Simpson,
W. E. Swain,
H. S. B. Thompson,
J. H. Totten,
W. T. Totten,
J. H. Stowe,
Clifton L. Whitaker,
J. S Williams,
C. H. Whitaker,
J. D. Williams,
I. I. York,

Alamance—G. Wright,
Albemarle—S. E. Lucas,
Asheboro—G. G. Hendricks,
Buncombe—Dr. J. N. Gill,
Burlington—G. M Thompson,
Caldwell—T. W. Setser,
Catawba—R. G. Proctor,
Chatham—G. W. Coble,
A. S. Picket,
Cleveland—A. P. Ivester,
Davidson—D. L. Surratt,
J. C. Morris,
Flag Springs—J. H. Spencer,
Flat Rock—J. L. Ogburn,
Forsyth—J. D. Anderson,
Gibsonville—J. A. Hunter,
B. Davidson,
Granville—W. T. Howard,
Greensboro—R. H. Brooks,
Greenville—R H. Williams,
Guilford—S N. Guyer,
O. F. Fox,
Halifax—N. M. Harrison,
Ed. Wills,
Haw River—
Henderson—D. W. Hardee,
High Point—J. W. Guyer,
Ivy—
La Grange—Dr. J. M. Hadley,
Liberty—W. F. Bowman,
Lincoln—J. J. Kestler,
Littleton—A. E. Carter,
Mecklenburg—A. L. Thomas,
D. W. Hartis.
Mocksville—
Mt. Hermon—J. M. Albright,
N. Granville—J. E. Burroughs,
Orange—J. F. McAdams,
Pee Dee—J. W. Hulin,
Plymouth—
Randleman—E. P. Hays,
Randolph—Madison Brown,
Roanoke—Walter Beavans,
Saxapahaw—J. E. Stafford,
Spring Church—G. W. Massie,
Stanly—J. F. Furr,
Surry—J. F. Whitaker,
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Yadkin—S. M. Speas.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

ACCOUNTS OF BENEFICIARIES.

C. H. WHITAKER.

Obligation	$ 30 00	
Dr. to 10 per cent. salary		
Cr. Assumes interest		
Balance		$ 30 00

JAMES S. SIMPSON.

Obligation	$135 00	
Balance		$135 00

W. E. SWAIN.

Obligation	$ 50 00	
Balance		$ 50 00

J. S. WILLIAMS.

Obligation	$167 50	
Dr. to 10 per cent. salary		
Cr. by interest on deferred payment	4 90	
Balance		$167 50

N. M. MODLIN.

Obligation	$ 65 00	
Dr. to 10 per cent. salary		
Cr. by	18 00	
Balance		$ 48 02

J. D. WILLIAMS.

Obligation	$163 63	
Dr. to 10 per cent. salary	30 00	
Cr. by	30 00	
Balance		$133 63

W. O. DAVIS.

Obligation	$ 86 44	
Dr. to 10 per cent. salary		
Cr. by	32 44	
Balance		$ 55 04

J. W. FRANK.

Obligation	$ 50 00	
Cr. by	10 00	
Balance		$ 40 00

L. M. FINE.

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A. G. DIXON.

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T. F. McCULLOCH,
J. F. DOSIER.

COURSES AND EXAMINERS.

The Courses of Study and Examiners for Candidates for the Ministry in this Conference are as follows:

	Price of book.
FIRST YEAR: Binney's Theological Compend, Improved	$ 50
Broadus on Preparation and Delivery of Sermons	1 43
The Pastor Amidst His Flock	85
Bassett's History of the M. P. Church	1 25
Written Sermon on "Repentance."	
SECOND YEAR: Ralston's Elements of Divinity	2 68
Watson's Institutes, 3rd and 4th Parts	2 68
Blackburn's Church History to the Reformation	1 60
Hart's Rhetoric	1 20
Written Sermon on "Justification by Faith."	
THIRD YEAR: Watson's Institutes, 1st and 2nd Parts	
Blackburn's Church History, concluded	
Hopkin's Law of Love, etc	1 27
Jevon's Logic	43
Butler's Analogy	95
Written Sermon on "Apostasy;"	

Rev. W. A. Bunch examines in Watson's Institutes; Rev. J. H. Stowe in Binney's Compend; Rev. C. L. Whitaker in Broadus on Sermons, and in Blackburn's Church History; Rev. W. C. Kennett in Bassett's History; Rev. W. F. Kennett in The Pastor Amidst His Flock, and in Ralston's Elements; Rev. J. F. Dosier in Rhetoric and Hopkin's Law of Love; Rev. T. M. Johnson in Jevon's Logic; the Secretary in Butler's Analogy. The written sermons, which must be original and contain about 2,000 words, must be in the Secretary's hands four weeks before Conference. Candidates may be examined on one or more years at a time, as they choose. The Secretary will order books on receipt of money for the same.

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PASTORAL CHARGE.	Pastor's Claim.	Pastor Received.	President's Claim.	President Received.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Children's Day.	Ministerial Education.	
Alamance	$ 400 00	$ 373 80	$ 35 00	$ 18 95	$ 11 0	$ 1 52	$ 30 01	$ 5 06	$ 1 10	$
Albemarle	365 00	333 00	15 00	15 00	12 5	1 00	3 25	12 75	....	
Ashboro and Cedar Falls	450 00	445 75	25 00	25 00	9 7	13 80	14 07	15 00	3 00	
Buncombe	350 00	214 00	25 00	17 00	3 0	1 77	6 00	....	....	
Burlington	350 00	278 30	7 50	7 50	17 0	12 55	17 30	12 00	3 50	
Cleveland	400 00	408 77	27 00	29 27	12 2	5 93	12 42	15 00	75	
Chatham	200 00	175 00	15 00	12 95	21 0	3 28	16 20	....	....	
Catawba	230 00	234 74	18 00	17 15	8 1	6 00	10 00	6 51	1 50	
Caldwell	155 00	88 85	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Davidson	300 00	259 19	30 00	18 50	3 9	50	3 40	1 24	40	
Flag Springs	350 00	335 00	25 00	18 20	4 0	4 00	7 87	6 70	2 00	
Flat Rock	565 00	575 00	35 00	35 00	93 3	7 40	36 54	17 23	4 75	1
Forsyth	275 00	225 00	25 00	25 00	11 0	3 36	10 34	10 02	1 50	
Greensboro	350 00	350 00	15 00	15 00	39 1	32 20	22 61	10 09	6 45	
Granville	425 00	364 88	30 00	30 00	42 8	17 16	15 70	20 28	2 00	
Greenville	225 00	191 00	20 00	20 00	2 7	2 17	6 97	5 01	1 70	
Gibsonville	200 00	203 00	10 00	8 00	15 0	1 49	10 08	13 65	54	
Guilford	300 00	282 38	25 00	17 31	3 7	50	15 10	30 86	5 00	
Henderson	700 00	701 00	27 50	27 50	121 0	41 75	44 36	23 20	10 50	
High Point	300 00	300 00	10 00	10 00	10 6	3 00	10 50	....	3 00	
Halifax	400 00	316 14	30 00	30 00	27 9	14 20	15 75	42 35	3 07	
Haw River	410 00	415 00	35 00	30 00	34 6	19 55	10 35	....	....	
Ivy	225 00	153 52	18 00	13 00	1 0	....	4 25	....	....	
La Grange	150 00	150 00	20 00	12 00	12 0	5 48	1 50	10 00	75	
Lincoln	350 00	350 00	27 00	25 56	4 6	2 70	3 00	15 00	1 00	
Liberty	400 00	325 60	25 00	25 05	22 1	....	12 54	40 10	1 98	
Littleton	300 00	274 00	18 00	10 55	35 4	3 32	7 29	13 83	88	
Mecklenburg	350 00	154 00	20 00	18 90	1 26	....	....	....	....	....
Plymouth	150 00	144 00	....	11 00	1 0	1 20	....	....	....	....
Mocksville	300 00	177 26	20 00	13 60	10 0	....	....	6 46	....	....
Mt. Hermon	435 00	437 00	35 00	35 00	3 5	17 30	28 00	39 73	10 15	
North Granville	335 00	340 00	30 00	27 25	25 2	4 05	20 50	....	....	
Orange	400 00	390 50	25 00	25 73	15 8	12 88	13 85	9 00	1 50	
Pee Dee	200 00	148 10	10 00	1 50	10 0	4 52	....	....	....	....
Randleman	375 00	365 70	20 00	21 25	11 5	7 00	16 43	7 43	....	
Randolph	365 00	309 00	22 50	22 50	5 0	4 00	19 00	16 29	1 50	
Roanoke	350 00	205 84	20 00	16 28	6 0	12 07	5 85	12 05	3 00	
Saxapahaw	300 00	300 00	15 00	15 00	6 1	2 15	13 04	2 50	2 15	
Stanly	400 00	325 00	20 00	19 00	12 9	3 00	6 43	14 05	....	
Surry	325 00	290 00	20 00	20 00	15 0	2 50	10 04	10 70	1 61	
Tabernacle	450 00	422 85	35 00	35 00	41 0	4 00	35 05	13 24	3 30	
Tar River	225 00	188 35	15 00	15 00	10 7	6 73	5 20	8 05	1 55	
Uwharrie	300 00	219 00	22 00	20 45	13 1	....	4 18	3 64	....	
Winston Station	150 00	163 75	15 00	5 25	17 81	3 00	4 00	....	1 00	
Winston Circuit	460 00	382 00	30 00	31 20	4 56	6 60	9 50	4 57	2 20	
Wadesboro	200 00	180 00	15 00	15 00	1 15	....	4 82	2 07	....	
Spring Church	150 00	110 10	10 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	....	4 20	46	
Yadkin Circuit	161 00	156 85	10 00	1 55	6 80	2 16	5 00	....	2 00	
Total	$15,506 00	$13,728 52	$1,002 50	$893 95	$801 48	$298 88	$548 29	$479 86	$85 79	$

ATISTICAL TABLE.

emovals.	Withdrawals.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Churches.		Parsonages.	Value.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Church Papers.	C. E. Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies	Members
8	....	10	....	18	5	,500	....	$........	5	25	250	11	....	....	....	....
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....	....	2	11	....	1	,300	....	....	1	8	130	19	1	20	1	35
9	....	5	12	....	3	,328	....	....	3	19	213	13	1	223	....	....
11	....	7	76	....	6	3,100	1	800	6	20	375	30	1	42	....	....
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....	....	6	30	....	5	,700	....	....	5	19	238	53	....	....	....	....
....	....	5	9	....	5	900	1	75	4	8	85	1	....	....	....	....
....	5	25	....	17	7	,750	....	....	5	25	250	....	....	....	....	....
5	2	2	43	....	8	,567	....	....	6	34	360	....	....	....	....	....
6	....	8	11	....	7	4,500	1	500	6	38	276	14	1	55	1	22
....	1	....	17	....	1	,000	....	....	1	11	90	30	1	22	1	25
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5	....	10	54	....	8	3,900	....	....	8	57	599	16	2	79	....	....
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3	....	....	....	3	5	2,600	1	350	6	22	123	43	2	48	1	14
3	....	....	20	....	1	3,500	....	....	1	5	75	13	1	20	1	55
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PROCEEDINGS.

The seventy-third session of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, met in Liberty, N. C., November 23, 1898, and was called to order by the President, W. A. Bunch, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by the President, as follows: Song 272; prayer, J. H. Moton; I Peter 1, read by the President; Song 213; prayer by H. S. B. Thompson.

The roll was called and the following answered to their names: W. A. Bunch, W. W. Amick, W. F. Ashburn, C. A. Cecil, J. F. Dosier, J. N. Garrett, W. C. Hammer, J. R. Hutton, W. L. Harris, J. E. Hartsell, A. L. Hunter, J. W. Heath, D. A. Highfill, R. R. Hanner, T. M. Johnson, A. W. Lineberry, W. C. Lassiter, W. F. McDowell, J. H. Moton, N. M. Modlin, G. F. Millaway, R. R. Michaux, T. F. McCulloch, W. M. Pike, William Porter, C. E. M. Raper, O. P. Routh, J. R. Savage, J. H. Stowe, H. S. B. Thompson, J. H. Totten, Clifton L. Whitaker, J. S. Williams, C. H. Whitaker, J. D. Williams, I. I. York, P. C. Battle.

Of the laity the following answered to their names: A. G. Laughlin, Asheboro; E. M. Ivester, Cleveland; J. C. Morris, Davidson; J. A. King, Flag Spring; L. C. Hine, Forsyth; J. S. Hunter, Greensboro; G. W. Pearson, Greenville; Junius Hardee, Halifax; F. R. Harris, Henderson; J. C. Amick, Liberty; George C. Boyles, Lincoln; E. A. Carter, Littleton; H. B. King, Mecklenburg; W. M. Julian, Randleman; E. B. Quackenbush, Saxapahaw; G. F. Robinson, Spring Church; W. N. Brown, Surry; R. D. Panchal, Vance; J. R. Osburn, Winston Circuit; J. H. Pegram, Winston Station.

On motion it was ordered that reports of the proceedings be made to papers, as follows: J. W. Frank to a Winston paper or papers; C. H. Whitaker, to Raleigh [illegible]; R. M. Andrews, to Charlotte *Observer*; J. S. Willi[illegible] Greensboro *Evening Telegram*.

Committee on Credentials announced as follows: H. S. B. Thompson, W. W. Amick.

Bar of Conference fixed at sixth seat from front, except in corner on right.

On motion J. Norman Wills was elected to honorary membership.

On motion Rule 1 was suspended and the reading of the President's report deferred until the opening of afternoon session.

President read the transfer of P. C. Battle from the South Carolina Conference, and on motion his name was enrolled as a member of this Conference.

Time for meeting and adjournment fixed as follows: Meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 11:30 A. M.; meet at 1 P. M., adjourn at pleasure; meet at 7 P. M., adjourn at pleasure.

By permission J. Norman Wills presented to the members of the Conference a plan of Brotherhood for benefit of the families of deceased preachers. Several names were offered as members looking to a permanent organization.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 P. M., with President Bunch in the chair.

T. M. Johnson was called to the chair and the President read his annual report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, Liberty, N. C., November 23, 1898:

DEAR BRETHREN,—From the various fields of labor, we are today called to assemble in annual session.

A review of the year would properly begin with a consideration of unfinished business of last session.

The pastoral charges of Buncombe, Asheville, Randleman, and Charlotte were left unsupplied by last Conference.

P. C. Battle was received by transfer from the South Carolina Conference, [illegible]h, in December and appointed pastor of Randleman.

J. G. [illegible], in December, given pastoral charge of Buncom[illegible] also of Asheville Mission until said missio[illegible]plied.

W. O. Davis tendered his resignation of the pastorate of Davidson circuit in January. I did not deem his reasons for resigning strictly justifiable, though in view of the fact that the appointment did not give full satisfaction, he was released, and T. F. McCulloch appointed thereto.

H. J. Hartsell was given pastoral charge of Asheville Mission, during his summer vacation, and did an excellent work.

I have not been able to supply Charlotte Mission, nor do I believe that any special results would have been secured by so doing.

It is very sad to have to report, that on the morning of July 6th, Rev. J. L. Michaux, D. D., passed from labor to reward.

His cheerful greeting and wise counsel have been withdrawn, and keenly do we feel the great loss to the body.

A committee was appointed to prepare a memoir to be presented to this session.

The work of the pastors throughout the year has been performed with reasonable earnestness and promptness. It would be exceedingly difficult to find a more consecrated body of men.

The M. P. Church in North Carolina receives the best ministerial service for the price paid of any people in the State, and it is devoutly to be hoped that such willing consecration, and such cheerful sacrifice, will be more fully appreciated and more liberally rewarded in the future. The past year has required unusual vigilance and effort on the part of pastors: they have had to meet and withstand the great strain consequent upon the military and political excitement, which has so inflamed the mind of the State and nation, and brought in their wake the usual demoralizing effects upon the church.

But notwithstanding this opposition, the work is in very good condition, and while the pastors may have less tangible results to report, it should be remembered that more courage and labor is required to stem the torrent than is necessary to drift with it. The pastor who has held his forces and field against such opposition might truly be regarded as a hero.

Having made previous reports upon the general condition of the district, and the changes from then until now have not been of sufficient import to require special comment, and the pastors' reports will most probably indicate said changes, I deem it advisable to limit this report to questions of no less importance, but such as will be neither presented nor indicated in pastors' reports.

One of the important things to which I might call your attention is the indisposition of the Conference to get to work on the first days of the session.

Blanks for pastors' reports are sent out far in advance of the time of meeting, but it is often the second, and frequently the third, day of the session before the Conference can get possession of those reports. But little business is usually done for the first days of the session, with a general rush on the last days. The work of a deliberative assembly, done without deliberation, may perhaps not so affect life, but might prove as demoralizing to principles as either war or pestilence.

This has been the year in which the application for membership in this Conference has perhaps reached the climax. Those applications have not only been numerous, but have come from almost every source. Some good men are, for justifiable [illegible] seeking to change their conference relations, while others [illegible] est reasons desirous of changing their denominatior [illegible] though a careful survey of the situation will convince the honest enquirer after truth, that there is scarcely a conference anywhere which is not to a greater or less extent troubled with a disaffected element, who would be pleased to find more congenial associates.

Some are honestly seeking homes under the banner of *Mutual Rights*, on account of the freedom of her principles, but some prove their loyalty by stating the price for which they would defend such principles.

The doors of your temple have been carefully guarded, and every respectful enquiry has been respectfully answered, but in a few instances of real unwonted brazenness on the part of the applicant, I have felt moved, I trust, by a righteous indignation to answer that we were not in the market purchasing preachers.

There is a custom established, or being established, in portions of the district, which is at present troublesome, and in the future may prove a source of confusion.

I have reference to the widely differing interpretations of the law by the pastors in different portions of the work. Thus the application of the law is not uniform throughout the district, and we may reach the point when a change of pastors may mean a change of law, if, indeed, we have not already reached it. This is one of the strong factors in localizing the pastoral charges.

We might, in the future, attain a more uniform practice, if this Conference would require the ruling of pastors upon all points of law to be recorded in Quarterly Conference journals, and also require said journals to be sent to the sessions of this Conference for investigation, and especially for interpretation in reference to said points of law.

The laws enacted under, and in harmony with, the great chart of ecclesiastical liberty—*Mutual Rights*—while working for the general development of the church as a whole, and having incorporated therein the gospel plan of recognizing the conscience and liberty of the individual, cannot well be improved upon, but a careless administration of or a thoughtless digression from said laws may lead us into the dangerous paths of confusion, if not of anarchy.

We should not only be very careful to guard against all unlawful precedents, but also to be exceedingly careful not to stand upon the outer circle or verge of the law, for in the ages of civil and ecclesiastical history *despotism* has not proved the greatest enemy of *democracy*, but the false interpretation—the assumption of a liberty, which no law can be made to recognize, and to which no individual should lay claim—has proved the destructive force. I earnestly ask of you the consideration which the gravity of this subject demands.

Our *Church Extension* work is comparatively new, really in the formative period, and requires careful consideration. Every worthy church enterprise in our bounds should have the recognition and encouragement which its merits demand, but the Board should not be expected to invest in a doubtful enterprise, or to help the church that is injudiciously located and which is almost entirely without the hope of local patronage in the future.

The Board is not, and cannot be, in a position under all circumstances to judge of and decide upon the claims and merits of the enterprise and should not be forced to an arbitrary decision in the absence of the necessary information, nor should they reasonably be expected [illegible] aid until the enterprise has passed the danger line.

To adju[illegible]s and to bring the Board in closer contact with the work, and [illegible]ure a wise distribution of all funds for this purpose, I would recommend the appointment of a committee of three in each subdistrict, who shall be the representatives of the Board in their respective districts, and shall be advised by the pastor who contemplates erecting a house or houses of worship in any part of said district with the view of receiving aid from the Board. After proper investigation of said enterprise, the committee shall report their decision and the Board shall act accordingly.

This is not asked alone to secure the Board, for those committees, if wisely chosen, will by their counsel greatly aid the pastor in solving the problem of the location of the church.

I am fully convinced that it will prove detrimental to any church enterprise to make it an object of charity, for it has a strong tendency to paralyze the energy of the membership, to weaken self-confidence and to foster parasitism. I would, therefore, recommend that the aid given by the Board to churches in the future be made as a loan and not as a gift.

The committee to disburse the Superannuate Fund should, in the judgment of your executive, be a permanent committee, for neither this nor any other fund should ever be disbursed by a committee which is not in commission more than one hour, and often much less time. Nor is it a necessity that this fund should be awarded during the sitting of the Conference.

There is scarcely any, perhaps no, department of the Conference but what has some moneyed consideration connected therewith, and we cannot be too pronounced in our desire and efforts to incorporate strict business principles and methods in every department of the Conference work, nor can we be too careful in placing safeguards around the same. We should so act in the disbursing of all funds as to inspire the confidence of every member in the district, for every mistake reacts upon us in lessening the collections for the various interests.

In reference to finance and financial plans, would say that our plans, however good in their conception, do not reach far enough to be effectual in their application. The representatives of the churches in this body lay an assessment for President and the general interests upon the various charges, the Quarterly Conferences of those charges apportion the same, together with the assessment for pastor, to the churches of the charge, but in many, perhaps most, instances the churches—the source of all power in a representative government—refuse to apportion said assessment to the members of said church. Thus we find the plan of an assessment defeated at the only point in which it could possibly prove effectual.

The church cannot be perpetuated without money, and surely no more equitable plan can be devised than that given in I Cor. 16:2, and II Cor. 9:7, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come:" "For God loveth a cheerful giver." The Conference in requiring an assessment is only enforcing the law promulgated by the *Great Head* of the *Church*, and what must be the moral status of those who either refuse or oppose?

Your attention is called to the change made by the last General Conference in Section 10, page 65, of the Discipline, "No appointment shall be dropped from a circuit except at the last Quarterly Conference: *provided*, that said action shall not take effect until ratified by the Annual Conference."

I would recommend the appointment of a committee of programme, who shall have in charge the arrangement for the [illegible]sses to be delivered by members of the Conference, general agents and visiting brethren. This class of work is not properly in the hands of the Pulpit Committee and has been done in the past almost without any system. A majority of the class books in the district are in a very unhealthy condition and no better evidence of this assertion could be offered than the self-contradictory reports made from those books to this Conference.

A comparison of the total membership in the reports of last year with that of the preceding year shows an increase of only 88, while the columns of increase and decrease show a gain of 594, whereas the subtraction of all losses from the number of accessions gives a net increase of 707. If the reports were correct those three methods of obtaining the increase would give the same figures. The books from which such reports are obtained must be in a sad plight. A remedy for this evil is a pressing necessity.

The general collections depend almost entirely upon the energy and persistence of the pastors, and the reports, in many instances, show that a change of pastors makes a material and, in some cases, a radical change in the amounts collected.

A reasonable ideal can never be reached until the men asking work at the hands of this Conference shall in the awards of the Conference stand strictly upon their merits and not upon the whims of the people, who do not know them. If a pastor proves himself incompetent to either build up or sustain a work, surely he should not be vested with power to pull down and destroy a work.

The conflicting views in the Conference and district respecting the personnel of the Stationing Committee has been so confusing that the progress of the work has been affected, and, to some extent, retarded thereby.

This committee should be made permanent, for it surely shows a want of wisdom, or an unwillingness to meet a required duty, to allow this question to be opened at every session to provoke heated discussions and engender animosities.

It is the conceded wisdom of all Conferences that the stationing of the preachers is a matter which the Conference as a whole is incompetent to perform, consequently it has never been attempted anywhere. If the Conference in committee of the whole is incompetent to station the preachers, would not the same logic prove the Conference incompetent to revise and improve the report when made by a competent committee?

The precedent established in the early years of the Conference for stationing the preachers cannot serve as a guide to the work now, for the conditions are materially changed and bear but little resemblance. For the first 55 or 60 years of our existence we were a Conference composed almost entirely of country charges, but to-day nearly, if not quite, half the value of our church property is in the towns and cities. The interest of the churches in those cities and towns is affected by the appointment of half the preachers of this Conference. This great advance move of the church has nearly all taken place since the ancient landmark of the fathers was removed. The marked difference in the progress of the church under the different systems in the past should serve as a guide in the future.

Our church literature is entirely too meagre. We stand for principles with which the *Anglo-Saxon* race is familiar, but, perhaps, there are thousands of said race within the bounds of our Conference District who do not know that those principles are the foundation stone of the Methodist Protestant Church. Our principles are the logical reasoning of the dominant race of the globe, with a mind cultured by the Gospel maxim of personal responsibility. They are really the ideal form of government and cannot be properly appreciated by the uncultured, hence the great importance of a wider publication thereof. Our general and local church organs ought to go into every Methodist Protestant home, and if the means could be procured they ought to have a wide circulation outside of the church. The historical numbers of those papers contain history and other valuable information that every self-respecting lover of libery ought to cherish and respect.

It is remarkable what an effect the propagation of the principles enunciated by our fathers of 1828 has had upon the Methodism of America.

The recent vote of the Conferences the Methodist Episcopal Church has by a considerable majority adopted equal delegation in their General Conference and instead of saying, "Pardon us if we know no such rights and comprehend no such privileges," the *Bishops* will take off their hats and bow to this onward march of human thought, crystallized in human action, to which the free characteristics of this progressive age positively forbid their opposition.

The pure democratic idea incorporated in your constitution has so imbedded itself in the minds of all Methodists that the *Bishop* is fast becoming a figure-head. This you have witnessed in the first 70 years of the publication of those cherished principles.

We are charged as having no right, as a church, to exist, since the M. E. bodies have adopted lay delegation; therefore the publication of our principles is the more important, to meet and disprove this false statement, and show to an enlightened public that lay delegation, largely shaped and controlled by the power of a *Bishop*, is not the same as lay representation elected by the church membership, which has no Bishop to *influence* their election nor to *domineer* their actions.

Those precious truths are not sufficiently known, and I trust that this session may devise some means for a wider diffusion of our literature throughout the district, and especially to place it in the homes of our members.

Having extended this report to such length, I must now leave the subjects not herein mentioned to the committees having charge thereof.

The year's work has been exceedingly laborious, taxing the mental and physical capacities, but with the exception of three charges, the whole work has been gone over, and the situation carefully considered. It is a task beyond all reason, but after a half-day's discussion of the subject at the High Point Conference, you said do so, and I obeyed to the limit of my strength, and two of the three charges were not visited for the want of strength to accomplish the task, while the third was left out of the plan for the want of time, for the time from the rise of one Conference to the opening of the next is not as long as the district.

In concluding this report, permit me again to return thanks to pastors and people, for I have in every portion of the work received the courtesy due the position which I have occupied, and if I have failed to appreciate and make due return, it is an error of which I am unconscious, and am placed under obligations to pastors and people to an extent which I feel beyond my power to repay.

May the blessings of Heaven attend you in all your labors in this sin-blighted earth and immortal life be yours in the sweet by and by.

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on President's Report, except the recommendation that a Committee on Programme be appointed, which committee, on motion, was ordered.

On motion pastors were required to give reason for any blanks in financial report.

The hour for the order of day having arrived, Conference proceeded to elect officers. W. F. Kennett was elected President, T. M. Johnson, Secretary.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to appoint an assistant. C. E. Forlines was appointed.

On motion of C. A. Cecil a rising vote of thanks was tendered the retiring President, W. A. Bunch, and Secretary, C. L. Whitaker, for efficient and faithful service during their respective terms of office.

On motion preaching was made the order of day for Friday, 10:30 A. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 7 P. M., with the President, W. F. Kennett, in the chair.

The following committees were announced:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

Faculty—J. F. McCulloch, W. A. Bunch, W. C. Kennett, C. L. Whitaker, J. F. Dosier, T. M. Johnson, W. F. Kennett, J. H. Stowe.

Ordinances—W. W. Amick, A. W. Lineberry, J. H. Moton, G. W. Pearson, J. B. O'Briant.

Pastoral Work—W. L. Harris, J. E. Hartsell, W. F. Ashburn, S. E. Lucas, E. M. Ivester, A. G. Laughlin.

Finance—J. H. Stowe, W. F. Kennett, J. D. Williams, F. R. Harris, E. A. Carter.

Missions—T. F. McCulloch, D. A. Highfill, J. R. Savage, W. W. Hunter, J. A. King.

Temperance—J. F. Dosier, E. A. Plyler, I. I. York, J. F. Spencer, L. C. Hine.

Christian Endeavor—H. S. B. Thompson, W. R. Lowdermilk, W. D. Fogleman.

Literature—W. M. Pike, J. S. Williams, William Porter, W. M. Julian, H. B. King.

Sunday Schools—J. R. Hutton, W. C. Hammer, C. E. M. Raper, G. F. Roberson, R. D. Paschal.

Colleges—T. M. Johnson, C. L. Whitaker, N. M. Modlin, Junius Hardee, J. R. Osburn.

Boundaries—C. A. Cecil, F. R. Harris, W. N. Brown, J. S. Hunter, J. N. Gill.

President's Report—W. E. Swain, J. S. Hunter, E. C. Harris, J. E. Hardin.
Fraternal Relations—C. A. Pickens, A. L. Hunter.
Correspondence—W. C. Kennett, W. F. McDowell.
Unfinished Business—J. N. Garrett, O. P. Routh.
Pulpit Service—G. F. Millaway, T. C. Amick, R. E. Patterson.
Statistics—C. H. Whitaker, R. M. Andrews.
Conference Stewards—W. C. Lassiter, C. E. Forlines, J. W. Frank.
Programme—W. A. Bunch, F. R. Harris, J. R. Hutton.

COLLECTORS.

Foreign Missions—E. G. Lowdermilk.
Home Missions—D. A. Braswell.
Church Extension and Colleges—W. D. Fogleman.
Superannuates and Ministerial Education—G. H. Austin.
Seminary—O. P. Routh.
Publishing Minutes and American Bible Society—N. G. Bethea.

After a brief devotional exercise, T. M. Johnson introduced Mr. M. F. Hatcher, who delivered an appropriate address of welcome. G. F. Millaway introduced W. E. Swain, who responded to the address of welcome.

Song, "Joy to the World."

Mr. B. W. Hatcher, Grand Lecturer and Custodian of the Work of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Order for North Carolina, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion W. T. Tucker, alternate from Wadesboro, was seated as a member of Conference.

Committee on Credentials made the following partial report: Alamance. C. G. Self; Mount Hermon, H. A. Garrett; Haw River, T. R. Totten.

The following were elected Standing District Committee: W. W. Amick, W. A. Bunch, G. W. Bowman, J. C. Roberts, J. L. Ogburn, M. F. Fox.

Moved that Conference meet next year on second Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Amended to fix the time on Wednesday after the third Sunday in November. Motion as amended carried.

On motion Conference proceeded to elect the Stationing Committee. W. A. Bunch and F. R. Harris were elected.

Ballot taken to elect Committee on Appeals. Voted that tellers count the ballot and report to Conference to-morrow morning.

A collection, amounting to ninety-eight cents, was taken to buy stationery.

On motion a communication from Rev. G. H. Biggs was referred to the Faculty.

On motion Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., with the President, W. F. Kennett, in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by C. E. M. Raper.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Moved and carried that a Committee on Ministerial Official Character be appointed.

On motion required that financial reports be read before the Conference, and that each pastor be subject to any questions.

The following Committee on Ministerial Official Character was announced: C. L. Whitaker, E. A. Carter, J. H. Stowe.

Tellers reported count of ballot for Committee on Appeals. Jas. H. Pegram and J. S. Hunter were declared elected as two of the lay members. On motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for J. N. Gill for the other lay member. Also on motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for C. L. Whitaker, C. A. Cecil and T. M. Johnson for the ministerial members.

According to a previous motion, pastors who had not certified to the Secretary of the Conference the election of a delegate were required to state to the Conference why they did not: D. A. Braswell did not understand, W. F. Kennett was so busy that he overlooked the matter, E. A. Plyler reported, but Secretary did not receive the communication, C. E. M. Raper an oversight, W. E. Swain thought a report through the paper sufficient, W. F. Ashburn thought it not necessary, as the delegate-elect told pastor that he could not attend.

The following resolution was adopted, after a motion to postpone indefinitely had failed:

Resolved, That the election law be so amended that the nominees for delegate to the Annual Conference be named at the Second Quarterly Conference and the votes be counted at the Third Quarterly Conference and the result be immediately reported to the Secretary of the Annual Conference.

J. S. WILLIAMS,
C. A. CECIL,
J. S. HUNTER.

On motion the Secretary is required to publish in the church paper prior to the meeting of the Annual Conference a certified list of the delegates.

In an appropriate speech Dr. J. N. Gill, on behalf of W. A. Bunch and C. L. Whitaker, presented the President of the Conference with a neat gavel, which the President received with becoming grace. The head of the mallet is of ivy of the rhododendron family from Yancey County. The handle is of juniper from Tyrrell County. The gavel is inlaid with a neat silver plate, with the inscription. "W. A. Bunch, C. L. Whitaker, 1898."

A rising vote of thanks was tendered these brethren for gavel.

On motion required that Conference collectors do not receive money in Conference room during devotional exercises or while Conference is in session.

Moved and carried that the place of holding next Conference now be selected. Friendship, Stanley circuit, and Brown Summit, Haw River circuit, were placed in nomination. By vote Friendship was selected.

At 10:30 the Conference sermon was declared the order of the day. The sermon, which was by J. E. Hartsell, was quite practical and helpful.

Following this sermon a Thanksgiving collection was taken for the Orphanage at Oxford. N. C., amounting to $31.02.

Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 1:25, with the President, W. F. Kennett, in the chair.

On motion, required that pastors hand in all reports this evening.

Rev. J. C. Berrien, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion B. F. Montgomery, alternate from High Point, was made a member of Conference.

Annual report of the Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Publishing House was submitted and adopted by a rising vote in recognition of the most excellent management of the building during the past year by J. Norman Wills. (See Report 1.)

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Conference will not ordain any preacher who has not passed a satisfactory examination in all the studies in the course of study prescribed by the Conference.

J. R. HUTTON,
C. A. CECIL.

Committee appointed by last Conference to arrange a course of study for candidates for license to preach submitted its report. which was adopted. (See Report 2.)

A motion to add the President to the Stationing Committee was so amended as to make him a member of said committee while stationing the ministerial member of the committee only, and adopted as amended.

On motion the business of Conference was suspended to complete the organization of Conference Brotherhood.

Conference Brotherhood having organized, Conference resumed business, and a rising vote of thanks was tendered J. Norman Wills for the interest he has taken in the matter. Secretary required to notify Bro. Wills of same.

The Committee on Ministerial Official Character made a partial report and the character of the following passed: J. R. Savage, W. F. McDowell, C. A. Cecil, W. F. Kennett, W. D. Fogleman, N. M. Modlin, C. L. Whitaker, W. C. Hammer, C. E. M. Raper, C. H. Whitaker, W. M. Pike, W. E. Swain, W. F. Ashburn, P. C. Battle, H. S. B. Thompson, J. E. Hartsell, A. L. Hunter, William Porter, J. H. Stowe, O. P. Routh.

Resolution adopted as follows:

Resolved, That pastors be required to furnish the Publishing Committee their post office address in time to be published in the minutes.

W. A. BUNCH, C. E. M. RAPER,
W. F. ASHBURN, W. C. HAMMER,
J. H. SNOTHERLY, E. A. PLYLER,
N. M. MODLIN.

Communication from George E. Hunt referred to the Stationing Committee without being read.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference convened at 7 P. M., with President Kennett in the chair.

Song 372. Prayer led by J. F. Dosier. Song 95.

Address on "Finances" by J. F. McCulloch.

Address on "Literature" by J. S. Williams.

On motion the action making preaching the order of the day for Friday at 10:30 was reconsidered and the meeting of the North Carolina Missionary Society substituted therefor.

On motion, ordered that the President appoint a Committee on Ministerial Moral Character.

On motion ordered that the afternoon session to-morrow meet at 1:30.

On motion Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., with President Kennett in the chair.

Devotional exercises led by N. G. Bethea.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The following Committee on Ministerial Moral Character announced: J. E. Hartsell, W. W. Amick, J. H. Stowe, W. L. Harris, J. F. Dosier.

Committee on Ministerial Official Character made the following partial report: D. A. Braswell, deferred.

On motion further report of Committee waived to hear J. C. Berrien, Secretary of Board of Ministerial Education, present the interest of the Board.

Moved and carried that when Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 1:30 in secret session.

At 10:30 Conference resolved itself into North Carolina Missionary Society, to hold the annual meeting of that organization.

Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference in secret session at 1:30 with President Kennett in the chair.

On motion the President appointed W. C. Lassiter doorkeeper.

Prayer for divine guidance was led by J. N. Garrett.

On motion ordered that some member of this Conference be authorized to make the Milton Coble property in Greensboro, to be sold to-morrow, bring $1.750 or buy it for the the Conference.

On motion J. Norman Wills was named to attend sale and act for Conference in regard to said Milton Coble property, and J. S. Hunter authorized to notify him of the fact.

On motion D. L. Moore, of Alamance, was seated as delegate until delegate-elect arrives.

Moved and carried that it is the sense of this body that the executor of the Milton Coble property in Alamance County continue suit concerning said property.

By consent R. R. Hanner was granted leave of absence.

Partial report of Committee on Ministerial Official Character: The name of J. G. W. Holloway having been presented by said committee, a resolution was introduced, and having been amended to read as follows, was adopted:

> WHEREAS, It appears there is new evidence in the case of J. G. W. Holloway; be it
>
> *Resolved*, That his case be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Moral Character.

While the above resolution was pending, a motion to the effect that this body express itself as to the meaning of last year's action concerning the above-named matter was withdrawn.

By consent J. H. Snotherly was granted leave of absence.

On motion Conference doors were opened.

By consent members of the Superannuate Fund Society were granted leave of absence.

Partial report of Committee on Ministerial Official Character: The following passed, J. F. Dosier, E. G. Lowdermilk, J. H. Moton, N. G. Bethea, J. D. Williams, W. C. Lassiter.

Report interrupted to introduce Rev. Hugh L. Elderdice, President of Westminster Theological Seminary.

Official character passed as follows: T. M. Johnson, W. L. Harris, J. S. Williams, W. R. Lowdermilk, P. D. Moore, C. E. Forlines, C. A. Pickens, I. I. York.

Motion to adjourn lost.

Official character passed as follows: G. H. Austin, R. M. Andrews, A. W. Lineberry, W. C. Kennett. E. A. Plyler, J. N. Garrett, J. W. Frank, D. A. Highfill, T. F. McCulloch, W. W. Amick, J. W. Heath, R. R. Michaux, J. F. McCulloch, G. W. Bowman, T. J. Ogburn, J. S. Dunn, W. T. Totten, S. Simpson, R. R. Hanner, J. H. Totten, D. A. Fishel, T. T. Ferree, George E. Hunt.

On motion John Montgomery, of Guilford, was seated as representative of that work.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 7 P. M., with President W. F. Kennett in the chair.

Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Prayer by W. F. Ashburn.

Address on "Temperance" by J. R. Hutton.

T. M. Johnson exhibited a number of stereopticon views on Temperance.

On motion 2:30 Monday was fixed as time for final adjournment.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered T. M. Johnson for exhibition of Temperance views.

On motion pastors are requested to introduce into the Sunday Schools and homes the "Shorter Catechism" and the "Catechism."

Resolution by William Porter and J. N. Gill relative to Subdistrict Conferences lost.

On motion the following memorial was endorsed and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

MEMORIAL TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR 1898 FROM THE FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE HENDERSON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH:

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, of Henderson, N. C., held on this the 16th of November, 1898, beg leave to call the attention of the Annual Conference to the Westminster Theological Seminary, of Westminster, Md., and to the plan for its maintenance, as adopted, and would respectfully suggest that the apportionment of $300 to the North Carolina Conference is just and fair to us and the obligation is as binding as any other cause, local or general, and that we do an injustice to the Church at large and to ourselves when we overlook or neglect this obligation. We further suggest that the attention of the Conference be called to the work of Ministerial Education and the general interest of the Church as the life of our denomination largely depends on the closeness of the connection of the different districts. We need to be co-workers with God and with one another: and we trust that we all shall soon realize that we are members of the great Methodist

Protestant Church, belong to one great brotherhood, "Whose aims and hopes are one." We pray God's choicest blessings on its deliberations. Respectfully submitted,

S. R. HARRIS, *Committee.*

The terms of three of the Trustees of the Conference having expired, J. Norman Wills was elected in place of J. M. Hadley and W. A. Bunch and J. L. Ogburn were re-elected.

Committee on President's Report submits report. Moved and carried that the report be considered seriatim. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 adopted. Item 10 so amended as to read: "The President shall travel the district," and adopted as amended. On motion item 11 postponed for one year, then to be taken up for further consideration. Report as amended and excepted adopted as a whole. (See Report No. 3.)

Referring to item 11 of the above-named report, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to investigate and consider the matter and report to the next Conference.

On motion Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., with President Kennett in the chair.

Devotional exercise led by R. M. Andrews.

By consent members of Committee on Boundaries excused.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Miss Bessie Teague for singing in Temperance exercise.

Moved and carried that when we adjourn this morning we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock and that all committees, except the Stationing Committee, be required to be ready to report.

Report on Missions submitted and recommitted, with instructions that report be compared with Discipline and the necessary corrections be made.

Report of Committee on Temperance submitted. Motion to amend item 5 having failed, the report was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

On motion J. H. Stowe was excused from acting on Committee on Ministerial Moral Character.

On motion ordered that a committee be appointed before which beneficiaries shall appear and state whether they have met the obligations required of them.

J. R. Hutton was appointed to serve in place of J. H. Stowe on Committee on Ministerial Moral Character.

On motion order of the day deferred, that W. A. Bunch might ascertain the number wishing to go on special cars Tuesday morning, he being authorized to ask for said cars.

It now being the order of the day to hear H. L. Elderdice in the interest of Westminster Theological Seminary, he addressed the Conference.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was tendered a Maryland brother for offering A. G. Dixon a scholarship in the Seminary.

Committee before which beneficiaries shall appear: J. F. McCulloch, C. E. M. Raper, W. W. Hunter.

Collection for Liberty Church, amounting to $$176.50, was taken.

W. P. Pickett, as Treasurer, submitted report of Committee on Yadkin Indebtedness, appointed by last Conference.

Ordered that all money collected for colleges be turned over to W. P. Pickett.

Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 3 o'clock, with President Kennett in the chair.

By consent A. W. Lineberry was excused.

By consent C. L. Whitaker and class in Watson's Institutes excused.

Report of the Committee on Boundaries submitted. On motion report was considered item by item. Item 1 adopted. Motion to amend item 2 lost. Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 adopted. Item 10 lost, and with it 11 and 12. Item 13 adopted. Report adopted as amended. (See Report No. 5.)

By consent committee before which beneficiaries are to appear excused.

T. J. Ogburn, Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced.

Report of Committee on Missions adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Partial report of Committee on Ministerial Moral Character submitted and adopted. (See Part I., Report No. 7.)

Report of Committee on Christian Endeavor submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Partial report of Faculty submitted and adopted. (See Part I., Report No. 8.)

Report of Committee to Investigate the Wells Fund submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The history and principles of the Methodist Protestant Church are too little known and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, After seventy years of successful operation it is eminently fitting that we, by appropriate celebration throughout the District, gratefully recognize the guidance and blessing of Almighty God; and also that we bring our history and principles prominently before the people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a celebration of our seventieth anniversary be ordered to be held throughout the District, if practical, during April, 1899, commencing on the second day thereof.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to collect and put in proper form such facts as may be advantageously used in such celebration; this committee also to suggest a suitable programme.

F. R. HARRIS,
T. M. JOHNSON.

A resolution requiring pastors to take a collection each Sunday lost.

On motion a letter from L. L. Albright was read.

On motion letters from J. S. Dunn, W. P. Martin, D. A. Fishel and L. L. Albright referred to Committee on Correspondence.

The following committees were announced: Programme Committee for next Conference (see item 7 of the report of Committee on President's Report), C. L. Whitaker, J. S. Williams, S. R. Harris; Committee to Consider the Interest of Superannuate Fund (see item 11 of report of Committee on President's Report), T. F. McCulloch, J. E. Hartsell, J. S. Hunter; President's Advisory Committee (see item 4 of report of Committee on President's Report), W. A. Bunch, T. M. Johnson, J. Norman Wills.

Report of Treasurer of Special Committee on Yadkin College Indebtedness adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

Moved and carried that the Incorporated Board of Trustees of this Conference be, and are, hereby elected Trustees of Yadkin College.

On motion the lease made by Special Committee on Yadkin College Indebtedness to W. T. Totten was confirmed, and the Trustees of the College authorized to draw up the papers.

On motion money for Theological Seminary ordered to be turned over to H. L. Elderdice.

On motion Secretary ordered to have minutes not recorded in journal bound in book form.

Character of H. D. Garmon passed.

Report of Committee on Literature submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

Report of Committee on Colleges submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

Report of Committee on Statistics submitted and adopted. (See extra sheet in back of minutes.)

Committee on Pulpit Service reported as follows: At 11 A. M., Liberty, dedication of church, sermon by H. L. Elderdice, dedication by W. A. Bunch; 11 A. M., M. E. Church, J. C. Berrien; 3 P. M., M. P. Church, T. M. Johnson; 7 P. M., M. P. Church, T. J. Ogburn; 11 A. M., Pleasant Union, W. D. Fogleman; Mt. Pleasant, Wm. Porter; Flint Ridge, J. H. Moton; Rock Creek, J. D. Williams.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference at 7 P. M. with President W. F. Kennett in the chair.

Prayer by H. S. B. Thompson.

W. F. Kennett read an address on Sunday Schools written by J. C. Roberts.

A suggestion in the above-named address looking to the improvement of Sunday Schools was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

On motion N. G. Bethea was instructed to send money collected for American Bible Society to Rev. T. H. Law, Spartanburg, S. C.

T. M. Johnson gave stereopticon views of our colleges and other buildings, for which a rising vote of thanks was tendered.

On motion collection taken to-day to liquidate debt on Liberty Church be reported as a part of the funds of the Board of Church Extension.

By request roll of preachers called to ascertain who will take work.

Report of Committee on Finance submitted. Amended by taking $5.00 of President's salary from Roanoke and putting on Halifax. Report adopted as amended. (See Report No. 14.)

Report of Committee to interview beneficaries submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

Resolution by J. N. Gill and I. I. York relative to plan for taking general collections lost.

Delegates from Uwharrie, Davidson and Wadesboro excused.

Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., with President Kennett in the chair.

Devotional exercises led by W. F. McDowell.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

On motion ordered that all money in hand for colleges be handed over to W. R. Lowdermilk, to be carried to W. P. Pickett, Treasurer.

Committee to Disburse Superannuate Fund announced as follows: W. C. Hammer, J. W. Heath, W. W. Amick.

Moved and carried that report of Committee on Boundaries be reconsidered. Report amended by substituting New Garden for Hickory Grove (Circuit) in item 7. Report as amended adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Report of Conference Stewards submitted and adopted. (See extra sheet in back of minutes.)

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 16.)

By consent members of Superannuate Fund Society and members of Committee to Disburse Superannuate Funds excused.

On motion resolution of last year requiring President to appoint persons to discuss interests on which Conference Committees report be rescinded.

A motion proposing to change item 5 of Report of Committee on President's Report lost.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 17.)

Resolution to limit the term of a pastorate to four years laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Ordinance submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 18.)

On motion J. F. McCulloch was made a Committee for Publishing Minutes.

Resolution as to where a preacher should have his license renewed referred to President and his Advisory Committee.

On motion the rule requiring candidates for ordination to complete the entire course of study before being ordained, was suspended to allow Faculty to recommend R. M. Andrews for ordination. This with the distinct understanding that it is suspended in this instance only because of its recent enactment, and this action must not be construed as a precedent.

A resolution, having been amended to read as follows, was adopted:

> *Resolved*, That no pastor shall give a certificate to any person until authorized to do so by the society of which said person is a member.

On motion the President was authorized to appoint a committee before which J. N. Garrett should state certain conditions on Wadesboro Circuit. Committee as follows: D. A. Highfill, J. H. Totten, Walter Bevans.

Report of Committee to disburse Superannuate Fund submitted and adopted. (See Appendix of Report No. 19.)

On motion the consideration of the Asheville Mission was made the order of the day for 1 o'clock.

Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:15 with President Kennett in the chair.

On motion the order of the day to consider the Asheville Mission deferred until the arrival of W. A. Bunch.

Report of the Superannuate Fund Society submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 19.)

On motion the act fixing the time of final adjournment at 2:30 was rescinded.

Report of Committee on Wadesboro Circuit affair submitted and adopted. (See Report No. 20.)

W. A. Bunch having arrived, the interest of the Asheville Mission was taken up. Collection to support the pastor of this mission was taken, amounting to $195.50.

Further report of the Faculty submitted and adopted. (See Part II. of Report No. 8.)

The following resolution was submitted and adopted:

Resolved, That it gives us great pleasure to have with us our beloved brother, Rev. T. J. Ogburn, with renewed strength after so many weeks of anxiety and suspense during his sickness. We gladly express our heartfelt thanks to the Ruler of all things that He, in answer to our prayers, has restored Bro. Ogburn to us from his bed of fever and delirium. Since actions mean more than words, it is, indeed, fitting that this Annual Conference has voted to make a thank offering the coming year by running our contributions to Foreign Missions beyond all previous records.

F. R. HARRIS,
T. M. JOHNSON.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference tender the people of Liberty, of all denominations, and Rev. G. F. Millaway, pastor of Liberty circuit, a vote of thanks for their hospitality in welcoming and entertaining the members of Conference and visitors.

C. A. CECIL,
J. F. McCULLOCH,
J. W. FRANK.

Report on Pastoral Work submitted.

On motion J. Norman Wills was elected Fraternal Messenger to the Maryland Conference.

J. C. Berrien and H. L. Elderdice each made a few parting remarks as they were about leaving the Conference, after which Conference sang. "Blest be the tie that binds."

Report on Pastoral Work adopted. (See Report No. 21.)

On motion the subscription for the support of pastor on the Asheville Mission was turned over to the Board of Church Extension.

The following Committee to collect facts and arrange programme for the celebration to be held in April was announced: J. F. McCulloch, A. W. Lineberry, J. C. Roberts.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender the authorities of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad a vote of thanks for the special train to convey members of Conference from Greensboro to Liberty, and special cars to convey them from Liberty to Greensboro.

On motion the ordination of R. M. Andrews ordered to take place at 7 o'clock this evening.

Further report of Committee on Ministerial Moral Character submitted and adopted. (See Part II. of Report No. 7.)

A resolution, that this Conference District raise $300 for Westminster Theological Seminary, and $1,800 for Foreign Missions, and that same be apportioned among the various charges in the same ratio as the President's salary, was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That J. F. McCulloch, W. F. Kennett, T. M. Johnson, J. S. Hunter, and J. Norman Wills be elected a committee to examine ministerial candidates and to recommend such as pass a satisfactory examination to the Board of Ministerial Education in the interim of this Conference.

W. A. BUNCH,
F. R. HARRIS,
CLIFTON L. WHITAKER.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, We ars informed that children work eleven hours or more per day in some of our factories; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that children of our State are imposed upon by excessive hours of labor, and we appeal to employers of labor, to parents and to the State Legislature to give the required relief.

J. F. MCCULLOCH,
C. A. CECIL.

The following were elected as Board of Church Extension: W. F. Kennett, T. M. Johnson, W. A. Bunch, J. Allen Holt, R. H. Brooks.

Moved and carried that so long as a licentiate remain in the itineracy he shall not be required to have his license renewed.

Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Song 224. Prayer by W. C. Hammer. Song 202.

Conference called to order by the President at 7 o'clock.

The ordination of R. M. Andrews being the order of the day, he was ordained by W. F. Kennett, assisted by W. A. Bunch and J. F. McCulloch.

Partial report of Faculty was submitted and adopted. (See Part III. of Report No. 8.)

On motion R. M. Andrews was elected member of Conference.

On motion J. F. McCulloch was invited to present to Conference the interest of *Our Church Record.*

Ordered that the paper by J. S. Williams on "Literature" be published in *Our Church Record.*

The following was adopted:

Since the Conference has been so highly favored with music by the choir of the Liberty M. P. Church and the young people of the town; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender to them our sincere appreciation of the same.

J. N. GILL,
J. S. WILLIAMS.

Report of Stationing Committee submitted. Report amended and adopted by rule of Conference. (See Report No. 22.)

On motion the name of J. L. Johnson was stricken from the Conference Roll.

Report of the Board of Church Extension submitted. So amended as to pay J. G. W. Holloway $25 for services rendered on the Asheville Mission. Report adopted as amended. (See Report No. 23.)

Minutes read and approved.

Conference finally adjourned.

W. F. KENNETT, President.
T. M. JOHNSON, Secretary.

REPORTS.

REPORT NO. 1.

GREENSBORO, N. C., November 24, 1898.

To the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in session at Liberty, N. C.:

DEAR BRETHREN:—On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Publishing House, I have the honor to submit the following annual report:

The report of the Treasurer of the Building Fund shows that, of the amount pledged, $5,135.25 has been collected, leaving $446.04 in pledges still unpaid. This unpaid balance we think should be paid, and a part of it we have good reason to believe will be, the delay in doing so being due to a lack of ability rather than of disposition. We would urge upon all who pledged themselves to contribute, the desirability of their doing so at the earliest possible date.

The total value of the building, as represented by the cost of same, is $7,969.25. Its real value may be safely estimated to be at least $500 more than this amount, as our lot has increased in value since it was purchased, and as we made quite a saving in cost by virtue of our wall contracts.

The report of the Treasurer of the Corporation shows a net income from the building, from November 1, 1897, to November 1, 1898, of $751.83. A few brethren, members of the Board of Trustees, and others, generously agreed to provide for the interest on the debt. and $110 was contributed for this purpose. Through the liberal patronage of the business men of Greensboro and the hearty co-operation of many of the members of this Conference, there has been realized from the Historical Edition, No. 1, of *Our Church Record*, the sum of $95, which the trustees think may be regarded as an offset to the amount appropriated for the maintenance of *Our Church Record*. This will show the total receipts, including a donation of $5, to be $961.83.

This has been expended as follows:

Paid *Our Church Record*	$220 00
Paid on debt and for permanent improvements.	492 01
Paid interest	101 41
Paid sundry expenses (keeping up property, etc.)	136 64
Total	$950 06
Cash on hand	11 77

The large item of expense is due to the fact that the building has been insured for a term of years, at a very advantageous rate, thus providing for the largest item of expense for some time to come. Our debt has been reduced to $2,245.75. The trustees think that in view of the satisfactory income derived from the building, and in view of the improvements being made in the style of architecture of other buildings being erected in our city, that no mistake has been made in the erection of the handsome building which we have, although its cost has exceeded our first estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. NORMAN WILLS, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 2.

Course of Study for Candidates for Preachers' License.

First Year—Reading, Spelling, History of the United States, Geography of the Western Hemisphere, Fundamental Operations in Arithmetic (including Common and Decimal Fractions), Bible Study—Genesis to Job, Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Irving's "Sketch Book," English Grammar (First Half of Longman's School Grammar, or equivalent).

Second Year—Geography of the Eastern Hemisphere, Outline History of the World, Practical Applications of Arithmetic (including Simple Accounts in Bookkeeping), English Grammar (Second Half of Longman's, or equivalent), Bible Study—Job to Malachi, Life of Christ (Fleetwood's, Farrar's, Geikie's, or equivalent), Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities."

Third Year—Physical Geography, English History, Natural Philosophy, Elements of Composition (Lockwood's, or equivalent), Study of the New Testament and the General Doctrines of the Bible, Milton's "Paradise Lost," Lonfellow's "Evangeline," Tennyson's "Enoch Arden."

T. M. Johnson,
J. F. McCulloch,
J. Norman Wills,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 3.

Committee on President's Report.

To the Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, Liberty, N. C.:

In reviewing the report of your President we note with much pleasure the substantial progress of your labors during the past year and the faithful and laborious work of your pastors, but it pains us that their salaries have been levied so low, and even then many of these have not been fully met.

1. We do feel the pastor's salary when fixed by the Quarterly Conference ought to be considered on churches, as a note made in due legal form, and should be invariably satisfied.

2. We recommend that pastors be urged to have all reports ready on morning of second day of the Conference, that business may be dispatched.

3. We note that many "soreheads" and much "driftwood" have headed this way, and while we are glad to welcome any brother who comes to us in the name of the Master, we hope and recommend that your present Executive jealously guard your doors against unworthy and undesirable persons.

4. We recommend that pastors inform themselves more fully as to our church laws, and if in doubt as to the intent of the law they advise with your Executive; further, that your body elect a committee of three, to be known as the President's Advisory Committee, who are to aid the President in adjusting doubtful points when asked by him so to do. If not satisfied with such decisions pastors or churches may appeal to next session of Conference.

5. On Church Extension we fully and heartily agree and recommend the appointment of a committee of three annually (two laymen and one minister) in each subdistrict, who shall investigate all appli-

cations for help, and that in future where aid is extended in building churches that same be made as a loan and that this committee see and know that a legal and binding note is made to your board covering such loan, and that they see that the churches have given the proper authority for the borrowing of this money and for signing said obligation; that said notes be payable at 10 per cent. annually, beginning two years from date, and bear no interest.

6. The assessment and envelope systems we recommend as the best and urge their universal adoption.

7. We recommend that the President appoint a committee, to be known as the Committee on Programme, who shall arrange a programme for next session to wisely expedite business, arranging with visitors and others and naming dates on which the Conference will hear them on the various interests.

8. Recommend that the pastors take their Class Books to next session of the Conference and that a competent committee be appointed, who shall examine same, and that the pastor's official character, so far as the case requires, depend upon report of said committee.

9. We recommend that the editor of *Our Church Record* be requested to publish from time to time such points on the principles and polity of our church as are needed to properly enlighten our whole people.

10. We recommend that, in our opinion, it would be wise for the President to visit and thoroughly investigate charges that seem to be declining and to recommend plans of procedure at your next session that shall improve their condition and usefulness, and that he shall travel the district.

11. We recommend that as far as possible the committee that apportions and handles the Superannuate Fund and your officers of Superannuate Fund Society be one and the same, and that the treasurer of said Society be placed under satisfactory bond. (Postponed for one year.)

12. We recommend the adoption of all other items not heretofore mentioned, believing every recommendation of the President, if carried out, would greatly increase your strength and usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. SWAIN,
J. S. HUNTER.

REPORT NO. 4.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

1. In view of the fact that it is generally estimated that 60,000 persons die annually in the United States as the result of the use of intoxicating liquors, at the enormous cost in money of about a billion and half of dollars, to say nothing of the privations, sufferings, blight, ruin and woe of families, which is beyond computation, this Conference is uncompromisingly opposed to the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

2. That we continue to practice total abstinence ourselves.

3. That we in no way whatever, either directly or indirectly—so far as we know—aid or abet others in the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

4. That in harmony with the foregoing, we protest against our members knowingly, in anywise whatever, furnishing grain, fruit or or other material for distillation.

5. But that we exert our influence in every legitimate way, by working, preaching, praying and voting for the abolition of the iniquitous traffic, and for the bringing about the habit of universal total abstinence.

6. We believe the time has arrived for this Conference to put itself on record as opposed to the manufacture, sale and use of the deadly cigarette, as being a twin-brother to the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Signed,
J. F. DOSIER,
E. A. PLYLER,
I. F. YORK,
L. C. HINE.

REPORT NO. 5.

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

To the North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, Liberty, N. C.:

Your Board on Boundaries beg to recommend—

1. That you detach Flag Springs Church from Flag Springs circuit and add same to Richland circuit.

2. The name of Flag Springs circuit be changed to Why Not circuit.

3. Recommended that you detach Caroleen, Pleasant Hill and Powell's School House from Cleveland circuit and add to these Forest City and create a mission to be known as Caroleen and Forest City Mission.

4. Drop Salem from Randolph circuit.

5. Detach Bethel from Roanoke circuit and add same to Halifax circuit.

6. Attach Cana to Davidson circuit.

7. Detach from Guilford circuit Shady Grove, Red Hill, Hickory Grove, Sandy Ridge, Ai and Hopewell, and same be made a circuit, to be known as New Garden circuit.

8. Detach Mitchel's Grove from Uwharrie circuit and add to Guilford circuit, Guilford circuit then to consist of the following, Fairfield, Lebanon, Spring Hill and Mitchel's Grove.

9. That you detach Rehoboth from Albemarle circuit and attach same to Plymouth and Edenton Mission and that it constitute a circuit known as Plymouth circuit.

(10, 11 and 12 rejected.)

13. That where changes in boundaries are desired requests should be made by the Quarterly Conferences in writing to your body on or before opening day of your next Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. CECIL,
J. S. HUNTER,
W. N. BROWN,
J. N. GILL.

REPORT NO. 6.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The missionary interest is an essential part of the work of the church, and no church can be true to Christ that does not put forth mission effort.

Our missionary work is classed under three heads—Local, Home and Foreign. The Foreign Missionary work is a great work; great from any point of view, great because it develops and broadens the Christianity of those who engage in it.

We are glad to note that there has been awakened an interest in this work among our people, and we feel sure, under the leadership of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, seconded by the members of Conference, there shall be aroused a deeper interest.

Home Missionary work contemplates the establishment of the Methodist Protestant Church in those sections of the United States where it does not exist. We are told that much of the population of the great West is composed of foreigners whose religious beliefs antagonize the principles of our government, so that patriotism as well as religion demands that we preach the gospel to them: besides a great many of North Carolina's sons have their homes in these sections. We think, therefore, this should intensify our interest in the work of the Board of Home Missions.

But perhaps just now our greatest interest should be in Local Missions, as upon our strength, in part, depends the amount of aid we can render in Foreign work, and we alone are responsible for the occupancy of this State.

Your Committee would respectfully suggest that in deciding on towns and villages in which to build Methodist Protestant churches preference be given, other things being equal, to places surrounded by Methodist Protestant influences; and the rural districts, in the selection of fields for missionary operations those places have the preference where the citizenship and material conditions promise the greatest success.

T. F. McCulloch,
J. R. Savage,
D. A. Highfill,
W. W. Hunter,
J. A. King.

REPORT NO. 7—Part I.

Committee on Ministerial Moral Character.

Your Committee on Ministerial Moral Character desire to submit the following report:

1. In reference to Bro. D. A. Braswell's moral character, we find that he is charged with not paying his debts, but after making investigation we conclude that he has paid on his debts since connecting himself with this Conference all that he reasonably could; we therefore, recommend that his character pass, with the understanding that he continue to make every effort possible to liquidate his remaining indebtedness.

J. E. Hartsell, Chairman.
W. W. Amick,
W. L. Harris,
J. F. Dosier,
J. R. Hutton.

REPORT NO. 7—PART II.

Your Committee on Ministerial Moral Character wish to submit the following report:

In reference to the character of Rev. J. G. W. Holloway, we find after a careful investigation that by his own statements his conduct has been such that it amounts to gross carelessness and criminal thoughtlessness, at least, and that he acted so indiscreetly that we are forced to recommend that his character be suspended until the sitting of our next Annual Conference.

J. E. HARTSELL,
J. R. HUTTON,
W. L. HARRIS,
W. W. AMICK,
J. F. DOSIER.

REPORT NO. 8—PART I.

FACULTY.

The Committee on the examination of candidates for the ministry would report:

1. That Bros. S. E. Lucas and L. E. White have been examined and are recommended for admission to the class.

2. That the following have been examined and passed in the studies named: Bros. N. G. Bethea and C. E. Forlines in "The Pastor Amidst His Flock": Bro. R. M. Andrews in Logic, Butler's Analogy and Bassett's History; Bros. C. E. Forlines, J. W. Frank, N. G. Bethea, E. G. Lowdermilk, J. H. Bowman in "Broadus on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons"; Bro. N. G. Bethea in Binney's Compend; Bro. J. H. Bowman in Bassett's History.

J. F. McCULLOCH, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 8—PART II.

Addition to report of Committee of Examination:

J. H. Bowman has passed examination in Ralston's Elements and Watson's Institutes; R. M. Andrews in Ralston's Elements, in Blackburn's Church History, Watson's Institutes, and Moral Science; J. W. Frank in Moral Science; C. E. Forlines in Moral Science and Blackburn's Church History; H. L. Powell in Watson's Institutes (First and Second Parts); N. G. Bethea has presented an acceptable sermon on "Repentance".

Rev. George H. Biggs' application for employment is referred to the President, with the recommendation that Bro. Biggs be employed if the President can advantageously employ him.

Bro. R. M. Andrews is recommended for ordination and reception into the Conference.

J. F. McCULLOCH, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 8—PART III.

The Committee on Examination would report that Bro.. W. D. Fogleman has passed examination in all the studies of the course and has been ordained and we would recommend that he be received as a member of the Annual Conference.

J. F. McCULLOCH, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 9.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

We hardly think the past year one of growth numerically in members or societies. There are reasons to believe that it has been one of deepening power.

The State Convention was an inspiration to a number of Christian Endeavor workers and we recommend that the societies urge their pastors to attend these conventions.

The Conference held during our last State Convention for pastors was helpful. We believe the subdistrict superintendency a wise means to more thoroughly organize the work and your committee would recommend that it be continued.

We think it very helpful to form Local Unions and would urge the pastors to look after the matter.

We recognize with much pleasure the two almost new features of the Christian Endeavor movement—"The Tenth Legion" and "The Quiet Hour." One is a means of spiritual thought, the other an awakening in our minds upon the subject of systematic giving.

We call attention to the work of "Aunt Ruth," also the Christian Endeavor column in *Our Church Record*, and ask by consent of editor that it be continued.

H. S. B. THOMPSON,
W. D. FOGLEMAN,
W. R. LOWDERMILK,

REPORT NO. 10.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE WELLS FUND.

The Committee to Investigate the Disposition of the Wells Fund report as follows:

It had been claimed that the Fund was directly under the supervision of the Annual Conference, as it was claimed that the Wells Chapel Society was extinct when the money came into the hands of the trustees, and also that the Pigeon River charge was extinct, therefore the property vested in the Annual Conference.

We find that there were two Boards of Trustees elected—first, the Buncombe circuit elected; second, the Annual Conference elected. The Boards were the same, except that the Conference elected C. A. Pickens, whereas the Buncombe circuit had not elected the said C. A. Pickens. We also find that the Wells Chapel Society became a member of Buncombe circuit after the Pigeon River charge became extinct; therefore, those Trustees claimed to have acted by authority of the Buncombe circuit, and, if this be correct, and we have no reason to doubt it, they acted correctly.

We, therefore, recommend that the matter be dismissed and that in the future we investigate prior to the spending of such funds.

W. A. BUNCH,
J. G. W. HOLLOWAY,
J. N. GILL.

REPORT NO. 11.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

At the last Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, held in High Point, N. C., 1897, Yadkin College indebtedness came before the Conference and was disposed of by appointing a committee, as follows: W. A. Bunch, J. H. Stowe, W. F. Kennett, W. P. Pickett, J. L. Ogburn and Prof. J. A. Holt. This committee was empowered to collect all pledges and pay off the College debt.

Above committee met on November 30th, 1897, at W. P. Pickett's office and elected the following officers, viz., W. A. Bunch, Chairman; J. H. Stowe, Secretary, and W. P. Pickett, Treasurer.

The Secretary gave the Treasurer a list of all pledges for the College and turned over all collections to him. The Treasurer was instructed to urge the payment of all pledges and a list of the pledges was ordered to be put in *Our Church Record.*

On motion the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The next meeting of the committee was called by the Chairman in Greensboro, in the Publishing House, on April 10th, 1898. The members of the committee being all present, it was found from the Treasurer's report that not enough collections had been made to pay off the Yadkin College debt, therefore extension of time was granted in order that all pledges might be collected.

The Treasurer reported at this meeting that he had paid off the widow Shoaf note, $220, and was instructed not to pay any more on the notes until there was enough collected to pay off all notes in full.

On motion the meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The third meeting was called by the Chairman to meet in Greensboro on May 31st, 1898, in the Publishing House.

At this meeting it was found that the pledges which were then being paid would not amount to enough to pay off the College debt, hence Prof. J. A. Holt was instructed to correspond with parties in regard to leasing them the College property for a term of years to the best possible advantage, giving Professor Holmes the preference of the lease.

Meeting was adjourned, on motion, to meet at the call of the Chairman.

On June 6th, 1898, Prof. J. Allen Holt reported that he had leased the College for a term of years to W. T. Totten for $321, which was $120 more than Professor Holmes offered. This being the best offer received, the committee instructed Professor Holt to make a contract with Mr. Totten. Said contract is as follows:

One note for $100, payable in one year.

One note for $100 payable in two years.

One note for $121, payable in three years.

Above notes to bear interest from July 16th at the rate of 6 per cent.

The Treasurer was also instructed to pay on the Harris note all the money on hand at this time, which was $725. Professor Holt was instructed to place the Totten notes with any parties who would advance the money and take the notes.

The fourth meeting of the committee was called for October 1st, 1898, in Greensboro, N. C., in the Publishing House. Only three of the committee were present, as follows, viz., W. A. Bunch, J. A. Holt and W. P. Picket. W. A Bunch reported that he had money from J. L. Ogburn to take up one of the $100 notes and the Treasurer was instructed to fill out the note and hand it over to J. L. Ogburn.

W. P. Pickett took the other $100 note and advanced the money on the same. This leaving one note for $121 to be placed, Prof. J. A. Holt was instructed to make an effort to get someone to take the note and advance the money.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

On November 17th, 1898, Prof. J. A. Holt sent a check for $123.43, $2.43 of above amount being interest from July 16th on the $121 note. It was found the Treasurer at this late date, after all efforts had been made, did not have enough money on hand to pay off the Yadkin College debt in full. After corresponding with the committee it was decided, in order to settle above debt in full, for the Trustees to advance the balance of the money that was necessary and take up the Yadkin College mortgage, which was done by the Treasurer on November 21st, 1898, and the papers pertaining to the same were put in his hands and are subject to the action of this Annual Conference. I would recommend that this Conference approve of the lease to W. T. Totten and make the same to him.

I would also recommend that a new set of Trustees be elected for Yadkin College.

Balance paid on notes, $403.83.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PICKETT, Treasurer.

REPORT NO 12.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature would report—

We recognize with profound thankfulness the sacrifice and the faithfulness of Rev. J. F. McCulloch, in service for four years as editor of *Our Church Record*. We congratulate him on the success of the enterprise as an educator and bespeak such co-operation on our part as will secure financial success.

The two historical issues were of untold value, not only to put on record the facts of our pioneer days in North Carolina, but to quicken an interest in our history and to inspire us to greater activity.

The *Church Record* is ours. To get the greatest good from it a member must put money into it. He must put into it the best news and the best thought. He must have it read. He must read it himself. *Our Church Record* has created a place in hundreds of homes which cannot be filled by any other paper. Its past has made its future indispensable. Its present readers know this fact. Hundreds of other homes will become wedded to it if we bring it to them.

We recommend that the members of this Annual Conference pledge themselves to bring every member on his charge into personal knowledge of *Our Church Record*, and that we make it our endeavor to place a permanent subscription in every Methodist Protestant family this year.

We are pleased with the proposition of Dr. Tagg to arrange club rates for the *Methodist Protestant* and *Our Church Record*. We hope that similar arrangements can be made between the *Methodist Recorder* and *Our Church Record*. We commend both the *Methodist Protestant* and *Methodist Recorder* to our readers, and especially the historical number of the *Methodist Protestant*.

We recommend that each pastor see to it that our own Sunday School literature is used on his field, and that the passage of his official character at the next Conference depends upon it; that he impress upon his Sunday School the necessity for a Sunday School library and demonstrate to them how easily a library may be had.

We recommend that in the statistical reports for this year provision be made for the *Methodist Protestant*, *Methodist Recorder*, *Our Church Record* and the Sunday School literature separately.

We recommend that due attention be given to the minutes; that the practical measures of our Annual Conference as they exist to-day be published in *Our Church Record* immediately upon the adjournment of the Conference.

We are glad for the assurance that "The History of Methodist Reform," by Dr. Drinkhouse, will soon be issued from the press. We recommend that our members take advantage of the advance subscription price of $4.

Signed,

W. M. PIKE,
J. S. WILLIAMS,
WILLIAM PORTER,
H. B. KING,
W. M. JULIAN.

REPORT NO. 13.

COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES.

Your Committee notes with pleasure the efficient work being done by Western Maryland and Adrian Colleges, and recommend these excellent institutions to all seeking a collegiate education.

Kansas City University is, as we understand, equipping itself to aid those who wish to prepare for the professions, also to those who wish to do academic or collegiate work. We also recommend this institution to our people.

We are especially rejoiced to be able to report that Yadkin College is no longer hampered by debt. We commend to all Yadkin College and Fallston High Schools as well worthy the patronage of those who are easily accessible to them.

Oak Ridge Institute, while not in any way under the management of our church, offers special inducements to our young men preparing for the ministry by giving them free tuition. This school, too, is worthy of our patronage.

We most heartily recommend Westminster Theological Seminary to our young men contemplating entering the ministry, and also to our people for financial support, and most urgently insist that the amount asked for of this Conference District be contributed. We also commend our Theological Seminary at Adrian, Mich.

T. M. JOHNSON,
N. M. MODLIN,
JUNIUS HARDEE,
C. L. WHITAKER.

REPORT NO. 14—PART I.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

Your Committee on Finances reports as follows:

1. We find on comparing the financial reports of the past few years that there has been a slight improvement in some collections,

while others show a decrease; but we hope the reports to this Conference will show an increase in the contributions to all the different interests of the church.

2. We consider that the ideal church—viewed from a financial standpoint—is that church in which each member fulfills to the letter the vow taken by him, when he joined the church, to contribute as God gives him ability to the support of the Gospel Ministry and the benevolent enterprises of the church; and we recommend that pastors be urged to use every possible means to bring their churches up to this ideal.

3. We consider the Foreign Mission work THE WORK of the church, for which all other interests of the church should exist and be supported; for, as "the body increaseth by that which every joint supplieth," so the Master's great commission must be carried out, not by supporting the Foreign Mission cause alone, but by supporting every interest of the church and making each an auxiliary in the evangelization of the world, for here, as in the body, "if one member suffer, all the members must suffer with it." We believe that it would be well if our people could be brought to understand that we want our pastors supported, the church extended in our own borders, Home Missions supported, ministers educated, theological seminaries maintained and colleges endowed, only to enable us to do more in carrying out the Master's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

4. In view of the fact that we can neglect no interest of the church without injury to the whole, we deem it useless to urge our faithful pastors and laymen not to neglect Home Missions and Church Extension.

5. As education is power, and education sanctified by the Holy Spirit is a great power for good, we would urge that we try to increase our contributions to ministerial education, theological seminaries and colleges.

6. We believe that the matter of a sufficient and timely support of the pastors might be brought about by getting the people to look upon the pastor neither as an object of charity nor simply as an hireling who is to be paid his wages only when his work is done, but as a leader in the warfare against wickedness and sin, who must be sufficiently and timely supplied with "the sinews of war" or suffer defeat to a greater or less extent. We, therefore, recommend that the assessment plan be used and that Stewards collect the pastor's salary in advance if possible and be required to report to their respective churches quarterly the amounts collected and by whom paid.

7. As the child who neglects his parents, by whose labor and sacrifice he has been brought to manhood's estate, is censured by all good people, so we cannot, as a church, escape the censure of all the good if we fail to care for our aged ministers and the widows of the deceased ones, by whose labors and sacrifices the church has been maintained in the past.

8. We recommend that Easter and Children's Day services be held wherever practicable and that the proceeds of such services be turned over to the Home and Foreign Missionary Boards respectively.

9. We recommend an assessment of $300 for Westminster Theological Seminary, to be apportioned to the different fields in same ratio as President's salary. We further recommend that this Conference accept the assessment of $1,800 laid upon it by the Board of

Foreign Missions, and that the same be apportioned to the different charges in the same ratio as the President's salary.

10. For the other general interests we would recommend no special assessment, but urge all pastors to make earnest efforts to bring up a good collection for each at next Conference.

11. We recommend that the President's salary be $1,000, apportioned as follows:

Alamance	$35 00	Lincoln	27 00
Albemarle	12 50	Littleton	18 00
Asheboro	25 00	Mecklenburg	20 00
Asheville	5 00	Mocksville	20 00
Buncombe	20 00	Mt. Hermon	35 00
Burlington	7 50	Orange	25 00
Caldwell	5 00	Plymouth	12 50
Catawba	15 00	Randleman	20 00
Chatham	15 00	Randolph	22 50
Cleveland	27 00	Richland	17 00
Davidson	30 00	Roanoke	30 00
Flat Rock	40 00	Saxapahaw	15 00
Forsyth	25 00	Spring Church	10 00
Gibsonville	10 00	Stanly	20 00
Granville	30 00	Surry	20 00
Greensboro	15 00	Tabernacle	35 00
Greenville	20 00	Uwharrie	20 00
Guilford	14 00	Vance	25 00
Halifax	35 00	Wadesboro	7 00
Haw River	35 00	Why Not	25 00
Henderson	27 00	Winston Circuit	20 00
High Point	10 00	Winston Station	10 00
Ivy	18 00	Yadkin	10 00
La Grange	20 00	Hickory Grove	11 00
Lexington	10 00	Caroleen and Forest City	3 00
Liberty	$25 00		

J. H. STOWE,
J. D. WILLIAMS,
A. E. CARTER,
F. R. HARRIS,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 14—PART II.

APPORTIONMENT OF ASSESSMENT FOR SEMINARY AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

CHARGES.	Seminary.	Foreign Missions.
Alamance	$10 50	$63 00
Albemarle	3 65	22 50
Asheboro and Cedar Falls	7 50	45 00
Asheville	1 50	9 00
Buncombe	6 00	36 00
Burlington	2 25	13 50
Caldwell	1 50	9 00
Catawba	4 50	27 00
Chatham	4 50	27 00
Cleveland	9 00	54 00
Davidson	9 00	54 00
Flat Rock	12 00	72 00
Forsyth	7 50	45 00
Gibsonville	3 00	18 00
Granville	9 00	54 00
Greensboro	4 50	27 00
Guilford	4 20	25 20
Greenville	6 00	36 00
Halifax	9 00	54 00
Haw River	10 50	63 00
Henderson	8 10	48 60
High Point	3 00	18 00
Ivy	5 40	32 40
La Grange	6 00	36 00
Lexington	3 00	18 00
Liberty	7 50	45 00
Lincoln	8 10	48 60
Littleton	5 40	32 40
Mecklenburg	6 00	36 00
Mocksville	6 00	36 00
Mt. Hermon	10 50	63 00
Orange	7 50	45 00
Plymouth	3 65	22 50
Randleman	6 00	36 00
Randolph	6 75	30 50
Richland	5 10	20 60
Roanoke	9 00	54 00
Saxapahaw	4 50	27 00
Spring Church	3 00	18 00
Stanley	6 00	36 00
Surry	6 00	36 00
Tabernacle	10 50	63 00
Uwharrie	6 00	36 00
Vance	7 50	45 00
Wadesboro	2 10	12 60
Why Not	6 00	36 00
Winston	6 00	36 00
Winston Station	3 00	18 00
Yadkin	3 00	18 00
Caroleen and Forest City	90	5 40

REPORT NO. 15.

COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARIES' OBLIGATIONS.

Your Committee to Investigate Beneficiaries of the Board of Ministerial Education would report that the following have been before us: J. D. Williams, J. W. Frank, W. E. Swain, N. M. Modlin, J. S. Williams, C. H. Whitaker. Of these J. D. Williams and J. W. Frank have met their obligation to pay one-tenth of salary for the present year: W. E. Swain has paid two-thirds of the amount required and he agreed to pay the remainder at once.* The others have given satisfactory reason for partial failure to pay one-tenth of salary for present year.

The following are the amounts paid for the present year as reported to us by J. C. Berrien, Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Ministerial Education: C. H. Whitaker, $1; W. E. Swain, $25; J. D. Williams, $33.50; N. M. Modlin, $15; J. W. Frank, $20; J. S. Williams, $7.20 (interest); W. W. Amick, Treasurer of North Carolina Board (balance in hand), $50.

J. F. MCCULLOCH,
C. E. M. RAPER,
W. W. HUNTER.

REPORT NO. 16.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools wish to submit the following report:

1. Since it is demanded by the minutes of our last Annual Conference that the Superintendents of the various Sunday Schools present a written report to each Quarterly Conference, giving an account of the attendance, collections, the increase or decrease in membership and to report to the Fourth Quarterly Conference a summary of the work of the year: we, therefore, insist that it is the duty duty of the pastor to see that the foregoing requirements be impressed upon the minds of the officers of the schools.

2. We recognize the great importance of early training, since youth is the springtime of intelligence and in view of the fact that we are crowded with impure literature and at an easy command of our Sunday School scholars: we, therefore, insist with great earnestness that each school make a decisive effort to have a library of its own, though its beginning be ever so small.

3. We further recommend the use of our Sunday School literature and our Sunday School papers, and would suggest that the Sunday Schools club together in purchasing the same in order to get the benefit of the reduced prices.

4. Believing as we do that the Sunday School has failed in some instances to win to the church those whom it is designed to win, and believing that such failures are due largely to the fact that in many instances it is in improper hands, we recommend to the pastors and Sunday School workers of this Conference that in the selection of officers, care be taken to elect those persons only who are of undoubted piety and such as can bring to bear upon the scholars the power of a godly life.

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* Secretary Berrien reports this paid, adding $13 to $25 given above.—PUBLISHER MINUTES.

5. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of all pastors, at their appointments next preceding each Quarterly Conference, to hold a church council for the discussion of all matters pertaining to the Sunday School of that particular church where such council is called, and to set in motion such action as shall contribute to the growth and efficiency of said school.

J. R. HUTTON,
C. E. M. RAPER,
W. C. HAMMER,
R. D. PASCHAL,
G. F. ROBINSON.

REPORT NO. 17.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations presents its preport:

1. We have had with us at this session Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, Methodist Protestant Church. He handled the subject in hand in a masterly way. The earnestness, fire and warmth of heart as seen in the delivery of his discourse was inspiring. Surely he hath helped us.

2. We also have had with us Rev. H. L. Elderdice, President of the Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md. He presented the interest in hand in a way that showed he was no new hand at the business. The evidences to a call to the ministry, so clearly stated, we wish they could be reproduced and read by all who are looking to the ministry. He also represents Dr. Tagg, Editor of the *Methodist Protestant*. While we would have been glad to have had the Doctor with us again, we are glad he sent us so good a substitute.

3. We, with warmth of heart, return greeting to J. W. Hering, President of the General Conference, Methodist Protestant Church; L. W. Bates, D.D., T. H. Lewis, D.D., President Western Maryland College; Prof. S. Simpson and Bros. Dixon and Hartsell.

4. We have also with us Rev. T. J. Ogburn (Our Tommie), the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. We are ever glad to have him with us. Your Committee think it befitting and proper that we as a Conference return thanks to God that He brought back our Brother from the gates of death to active life, thus blessing his family, his Conference and the Methodist Protestant Church at large; and also that the money for Foreign Missions during the year 1899, commencing with this Conference, be given as a thank-offering for his recovery.

C. A. PICKENS,
A. L. HUNTER.

REPORT NO. 18.

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

The Methodist Protestant Church recognizes two ordinances, viz., the Lord's Supper and Baptism. Our Saviour instituted the Supper before His death and commanded his followers to commemorate His death until He come again. This ordinance should be regarded as one of great interest to the church. If we properly observe it we will have sweet communion with Christ and joy in our souls. It is a sad and discouraging fact that a great many of our people do not avail themselves of the opportunities they have of partaking of this ordinance. They palpably refuse to obey Christ, who purchased them by the shedding of His precious blood and whom they claim to love and serve. Such is very inconsistent. During the past year a certain minister administered the ordinance, and only three of seven members partook. And something like this occurs frequently. This should not be; but how to remedy it we do not know.

Baptism.—We believe baptism to be of Divine appointment, and consequently we think that persons applying for membership in the Methodist Protestant Church should receive the ordinance of Baptism, if not already baptized. But we find on some charges some of the oldest members have never been baptised. Four years ago a minister in this Conference was called upon to baptize one of his members, who had been a member for forty years, and she gave as a reason for so doing, that she had frequently applied to her pastor for baptism, but for some cause had been put off. In this case it seems that the pastors were to blame. Christ said, "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

We think infant baptism is shamefully neglected by parents in our church. It should be considered a great privilege to dedicate our children to God in baptism. Certainly God has a claim upon them; and we have obligated ourselves to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We think that it would be profitable to parents if pastors would set forth plainly and forcibly the obligations they are under to dedicate their children to God in baptism.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Amick.

REPORT NO. 19.

Superannuate Fund Society.

The Superannuate Fund Society of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met at Liberty, N. C., on November 25, 1898, during the session of the Annual Conference. Following were present: J. W. Heath, President; W. W. Amick, Vice-President; W. C. Hammer, J. F. Harris, T. T. Hicks and Edward Wills (by proxy).

Letters from Edward Wills received and read.

Board adjourned to meet on 26th instant.

Board met according to adjournment November 26th.

Resignation of W. O. Donnell received and accepted. On motion J. Norman Wills was elected to fill vacancy.

On motion J. Norman Wills was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

On motion the Treasurer was required to give bond. This is in obedience to Conference request.

On motion Edward Wills was continued as agent for our real estate in Halifax, with power to sell or rent as heretofore.

Owing to Treasurer's absence we cannot give itemized statement of funds on hand, but Treasurer writes that he has $259.87 on hand.

At your last session the Conference paid over to this Board $53.30. Of this amount $25 has been donated to R. R. Michaux. This was done under and by the joint direction of the President of the two bodies. Balance cash on hand $28.30, subject to your order.

Adjourned to meet Monday, 28th instant.

The Board met according to adjournment November 28th.

The committee appointed by the Annual Conference to disburse Superannuate Fund collected by the Conference, together with this Board in joint session, finding on hand $175.91 and $28.30, held over from last year, made the following appropriations, to-wit: Mrs. C. F. Harris, $10; Miss Sallie Albright, $15; Mrs. James Deans, $30; Mrs. A. J. Loflin, $10; Rev. R. R. Michaux, $24.40, and $10 per month for eight months, beginning February 1. 1899, leaving a balance of $35.75 on hand, to be disbursed by this Board as necessity may require.

On motion W. C. Hammer was appointed to convey said money to J. Norman Wills, Secretary and Treasurer, and take his receipt for same.

On motion the minutes were read and adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. W. Heath, President.
W. C. Hammer, Secretary pro tem.

REPORT NO. 20.

Committee on Wadesboro Circuit Affairs.

Having considered the matter referred to us we would recommend that this Conference censure the course of conduct of certain local ministers of this circuit, and we would also recommend that said ministers follow the plans and requirements of their Quarterly Conference.

D. A. Highfill,
J. H. Totten,
W. Beavans.

REPORT NO. 21.

Committee on Pastoral Work.

Not every preacher is a good pastor nor every pastor a good preacher. This only shows that we all have gifts differing the one from the other. However, some one has said when God calls a man to be a preacher He also calls him to be a pastor. While this may or may not be true, it is a fact that the most successful preachers in this Conference along every line are those who do the most pastoral work. The work of the pastor is to visit his flock, but not all visits are pastoral work.

Going around from house to house is not doing pastoral visiting. Of course it is necessary to visit in order to find access to the homes and hearts of the people. After you have done this you are prepared to do some solid work. To do your people good and supply their needs you must find out what they need. The pastor must make social visits—it is not always best to blend the two.

The faithful pastor visits and does his work systematically. He must not be any respecter of persons, and he must always remember that the visitor as well as the visited is helped. "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

How to visit so as to do your people the best service and do them the most good should be made a matter of prayer. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and be led by Him and you cannot go or do wrong.

Let us take Christ as our example and let His Spirit characterize our visits. He was the Comforter; so must the pastor be. There are people in your parish whose hearts are sad and it is the pastor's business to pour the oil of consolation into the hearts of those whose souls are cast down. This is the time they need their pastor to comfort and sympathize with them. It is the pastor's duty to "weep with those who weep as well as rejoice with those who rejoice."

"Comfort ye, Comfort ye my people, saith the Lord."

It is his business to do this under all circumstances. He should be the leader in every good word and work. As a faithful shepherd he must know his sheep, feed them on the bread of life and be instant in season and out of season.

The pastor must study to show himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. A pastor may do good work by distributing religious literature on his circuit. If you want your people to be educated and made strong temperance people, sow temperance literature in their homes. If you want them to be intelligent Methodist Protestants, sow Methodist Protestant literature. If you would teach them Christian giving, fill their minds with literature on Christian giving.

But some one says, I don't believe in sowing this kind of seed; then you will not sow them and consequently you will not reap the harvest.

Try these plans and suggestions, brethren—push them and rest assured your labor shall not be in vain in the Lord:

"Sow in the morn thy seed,
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed,
Broadcast it o'er the land."

W. L. Harris, Chairman,
S. E. Lucas,
W. F. Ashburn,
A. G. Laughlin.

REPORT NO. 22.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE.
Alamance	W. F. McDowell	Asheboro
Albemarle	G. H. Austin	Dulin's
Asheboro and Cedar Falls	William Porter	Asheboro
Asheville	R. M. Andrews	Asheville
Buncombe	J. H. Moton	Weaverville
Burlington	C. A. Cecil	Burlington
Caldwell	H. D. Garmon	Rutherford College
Caroleen and Forest City	N. G. Bethea	Caroleen
Catawba	W. D. Fogleman	Gastonia
Charlotte	Unsupplied	———
Chatham	W. C. Kennett	Liberty
Cleveland	W. F. Ashburn	Fallston
Davidson	T. F. McCulloch	Greensboro
Flat Rock	J. R. Hutton	Greensboro
Forsyth	W. C. Lassiter	Dosier
Gibsonville	E. G. Lowdermilk	Gibsonville
Granville	C. L. Whitaker	Kittrell
Greensboro	T. M. Johnson	Greensboro
Greenville	D. A. Fishel	Vaughan
Guilford	W. C. Hammer	High Point
Halifax	W. L. Harris	Brinkleyville
Haw River	C. E. M. Raper	Guilford College
Henderson	J. S. Williams	Henderson
High Point	W. R. Lowdermilk	High Point
Ivy	P. D. Moore	Democrat
LaGrange	C. E. Forlines	LaGrange
Lexington	W. T. Totten	Yadkin College
Liberty	G. F. Milloway	Liberty
Lincoln	J. E. Hartsell	Fallston
Littleton	H. L. Powell	Littleton
Mecklenburg	J. F. Dosier	Matthews
Mocksville	O. P. Routh	Mocksville
Mt. Hermon	W. E. Swain	Osceola
New Garden	D. A. Highfill	Liberty
Orange	W. M. Pike	Mebane
Plymouth	D. A. Braswell	Skinnersville
Randleman	P. C. Battle	Randleman
Randolph	H. S. B. Thompson	Julian
Richland	A. W. Lineberry	Greensboro
Roanoke	J. D. Williams	Whitaker's
Saxapahaw	W. W. Amick	Liberty
Spring Church	J. H. Totten	Kernersville
Stanly	A. E. Plyler	Plyler
Surry	A. L. Hunter	Culler
Tabernacle	W. A. Bunch	Tabernacle
Uwharrie	I. I. York	High Point
Vance	C. H. Whitaker	Dabney
Wadesboro	Unsupplied	———
Winston Circuit	J. H. Stowe	Yadkin College
Winston Station	J. W. Frank	Winston
Why Not	N. M. Modlin	Why Not
Yadkin	J. N. Garrett	Yadkin College

SUPERNUMERARIES.

Liberty	G. W. Bowman	Lamont
Asheboro and Cedar Falls	T. T. Ferree	Asheboro
Randolph	R. R. Hanner	Julian

Superannuates—R. R. Michaux, Liberty, N. C.; J. W. Heath, Tabernacle, N. C.

Loaned Board Foreign Missions—T. J. Ogburn, Summerfield, N. C.

Professor in Western Maryland College—S. Simpson, Westminster. Md.

Editor *Our Church Record*—J. F. McCulloch, Greensboro, N. C.

Without Appointment, at his own request—C. A. Pickens, Lexington. N. C.

In the hands of President—R. E. Davis, W. O. Davis, J. S. Dunn, J. R. Savage.

W. A. Bunch,
F. R. Harris.

REPORT NO. 23.

Board of Church Extension.

Cash on hand—		
Collections from circuit		$337 72
Collection at Conference		85 07
In hands of Treasurer		89 00
		$511 79
By appropriated to Plymouth church		40 00
To balance		$471 79
By amount to C. A. Cecil	$125 00	
By amount to W. F. Ashburn	125 00	
By amount to H. J. Hartsell	50 00	
By amount to W. R. Lowdermilk	30 00	
By amount to N. G. Bethea	85 00	$415 00
Balance		$56 79
To amount to J. G. W. Holloway		25 00
To balance		$31 79

W. W. Amick, Secretary.

COURSES AND EXAMINERS.

The Courses of Study and Examiners for Candidates for the Ministry in this Conference are as follows:

	Price of book.
FIRST YEAR:—	
Binney's Theological Compend, Improved	$ 50
Broadus on Preparation and Delivery of Sermons	1 50
The Pastor Amidst His Flock	85
Bassett's History of the M. P. Church	1 25
Written Sermon on "Repentance."	
SECOND YEAR:—	
Ralston's Elements of Divinity	3 00
Watson's Institutes. 3rd and 4th parts	2 90
Blackburn's Church History to the Reformation	1 75
Hart's Rhetoric	1 20
Written Sermon on "Justification by Faith."	
THIRD YEAR:—	
Watson's Institutes, 1st and 2nd Parts	
Blackburn's Church History, concluded	
Hopkin's Law of Love, etc	1 50
Jevon's Logic	40
Butler's Analogy	65
Written Sermon on "Apostasy."	

Rev. W. A. Bunch examines in Watson's Institutes; Rev. J. H. Stowe in Binney's Compend; Rev. C. L. Whitaker in Broadus on Sermons and in Blackburn's Church History; Rev. W. C. Kennett in Bassett's History; Rev. W. F. Kennett in "The Pastor Amidst His Flock" and Ralston's Elements; Rev. J. F. Dosier in Rhetoric and Hopkin's Law of Love; Rev. T. M. Johnson in Jevon's Logic; the Secretary in Butler's Analogy. The written sermons, which must be original and contain about 2,000 words, must be in the Secretary's hands four weeks before Conference. Candidates may be examined on one or more years at a time, as they choose. The Secretary will order books on receipt of money for the same.

J. F. McCulloch,
Secretary of Examining Board,
Greensboro, N. C.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S R

PASTORAL CHARGE.	Pastor's Claim.	Pastor Received.	President's Claim.	President Received.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Children's Day.	Ministerial Education.	
Alamance	$ 400 00	$ 350 34	$ 35 00	$ 28 90	$ 27 15	$ 2 00	$ 14 38	$ 6 85	$ 3 00	$
Albemarle	365 00	300 00	15 00	21 68	10 00	1 00	2 60	11 25	....	
Asheboro and Cedar Falls	400 00	400 00	25 00	25 00	8 23	5 00	5 70	6 25	1 45	
Asheville	....	24 20	....	3 00	....	....	....	....	....	
Buncombe	300 00	227 30	20 00	14 50	5 00	2 00	2 60	5 75	75	
Burlington	350 00	358 75	7 50	7 50	21 00	10 63	20 00	26 38	3 50	
Caldwell	150 00	86 17	....	....	1 56	....	3 20	2 26	....	
Catawba	262 00	255 30	18 00	18 00	12 28	10 10	12 00	9 62	2 00	
Chatham	200 00	170 60	15 00	15 00	8 95	4 75	17 15	4 75	1 00	
Cleveland	463 00	464 58	27 00	27 00	20 84	5 77	10 00	20 00	1 00	
Davidson	300 00	232 00	30 00	13 17	2 79	3 76	4 51	13 84	65	
Flag Springs	375 00	335 00	25 00	21 30	8 00	10 00	10 00	5 65	2 00	
Flat Rock	565 00	565 00	40 00	42 00	88 71	6 50	33 00	6 70	2 00	1
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Littleton	350 00	306 50	18 00	18 00	10 38	1 77	11 77	14 00	55	
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Mocksville	300 00	135 96	20 00	8 75	5 00	....	....	9 57	....	
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Randolph	365 00	331 98	22 50	22 50	9 91	8 06	19 00	17 00	2 00	
Richland	200 00	182 00	17 00	11 05	4 65	4 00	3 00	4 16	1 00	
Roanoke	400 00	371 20	35 00	30 00	8 45	32 20	11 50	19 00	4 50	
Saxapaw	280 00	249 55	15 00	15 00	7 97	4 00	13 28	....	1 00	
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Total	$16,122 00	$14,454 37	$999 50	$884 85	$738 09	$265 03	$472 68	$490 53	$59 36	$18

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Preachers.	Conversions.	Accessions.	Deaths.	Removals.	Withdrawals.	Discotinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Church Papers.	C. E. Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
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Rules of Order for the Government of the North Carolina Conference.

1. After the opening of Conference, the first business in order shall be the reading of the President's annual report.

2. At 3 o'clock p. m., on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot.

3. The President shall take the chair at the hour to which the Conference adjourned and call the Conference to order.

4. Each morning session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Scriptures and prayer, under the direction of the President.

5. At the meeting of each daily session the Secretary shall read the minutes of the preceding day, and the Conference correct and prepare them for registration.

6. It shall be the duty of the chair, or the privilege of a member, to call any brother to order who may indulge in personal reflections or irrelevant debate.

7. The chair shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference, which appeal shall be decided without debate.

8. All the committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

9. The President may participate in debate by calling a member to the chair.

10. The President shall vote on no question, except in case of a tie.

11. No member shall speak on any question without rising from his seat and respectfully addressing the chair as "Mr. President," and being recognized by the chair.

12. No member shall be permitted to speak more than once on any question, except by unanimous permission of the Conference.

13. No person shall pass between the chair and a member while speaking, nor interrupt the speaker except by permission to explain.

14. Members shall not converse together in a tone sufficiently loud to disturb the Conference.

15. Members shall retain their seats, unless rising to speak, or for the purpose of retiring.

16. Members are required to vote in all cases, except excused therefrom by the Conference.

17. No motion shall be entertained or debated until the same shall be seconded.

18. All motions and resolutions made and seconded shall be open for debate, except the previous question, the motion to adjourn, and to lay on the table, which questions shall be decided without debate.

19. All amendments shall be disposed of before the vote is taken on the main question.

20. All questions of order arising after the previous question has been called for shall be decided without debate.

21. The decision of all questions shall be by Yea or No. The yeas and nays shall be recorded on the journal by the call of one-fifth of the members present.

22. All resolutions or amendments shall be reduced to writing.

23. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, except made by a member who voted with the majority, and on the same or succeeding day, except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

24. No motion or resolution indefinitely postponed shall be called up again during the session.

25. No member shall speak more than five minutes without permission of the Conference.

26. No committee shall meet during the sessions of Conference.

27. All petitions and resolutions shall be referred to proper committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading and correction of minutes.
2. Presentation of memorials, petitions.
3. Report of standing committees.
4. Report of select committees.
5. Reports of Pastors.
6. Introduction of resolutions.
7. Unfinished business.

PROCEEDINGS.

The seventy-fourth session of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, met in Friendship Church, Stanly circuit, November 22, 1899, and was called to order by the President, W. F. Kennett, at 2:45 p. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by the President as follows: Song, "Coronation;" prayer by W. F. Kennett; Scripture lesson, 2 Cor., fourth chapter; singing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow;" prayer by W. W. Amick.

The roll was called and the following answered to their names: W. W. Amick, R. M. Andrews, W. F. Ashburn, G. H. Austin, P. C. Battle, N. G. Bethea, D. A. Braswell, W. A. Bunch, C. A. Cecil, R. E. Davis, J. F. Dosier, J. S. Dunn, W. D. Fogleman, C. E. Forlines, H. D. Garmon, J. N. Garrett, W. C. Hammer, J. W. Heath, D. A. Highfill, Geo. E. Hunt, A. L. Hunter, J. R. Hutton, T. M. Johnson, W. C. Kennett, W. F. Kennett, W. C. Lassiter, E. G. Lowdermilk, W. R. Lowdermilk, J. F. McCulloch, T. F. McCulloch, N. M. Modlin, J. H. Moton, W. M. Pike, H. L. Powell, C. E. M. Raper, O. P. Routh, J. H. Stowe, W. E. Swain, J. H. Totten, W. T. Totten, H. S. B. Thompson, J. D. Williams, J. S. Williams, C. H. Whitaker, C. L. Whitaker, I. I. York.

The following lay delegates answered to their names: J. W. Whitehead, Alamance; R. A. Pickens, Buncombe; L. W. Holt, Burlington; J. C. Bess, Caroleen and Forest City; J. McW. Alexander, Catawba; J. P. Turner, Cleveland; N. F. Morgan, Davidson; W. W. Hunter, Flat Rock; J. M. Brown (alternate), Forsyth; J. A. Hunter (the delegate and alternate being absent, was seated by vote of Conference), Gibsonville; J. T. Cozart (alternate), Granville; R. H. Brooks, Greensboro; H. J. Butler, Greenville; J. A. Gray, Sr., Guilford; J. E. Hunter, Halifax; G. S. Kernodle, Haw River; E. A. Powell (seated by vote of Conference), Henderson; A. M. Idol (alternate), High Point; A. H. Evans, Lexington; W. A. Bowman, Liberty; Jos. Willis, Lincoln; T. E. Pulley, Littleton; H. B. King, Mecklenburg; W. A. Byerly (alternate), Mocksville; G. A. Nicholson (by vote of Conference), Mt. Hermon; L. H. McAdams, Orange; Miss Sally Cherry (by motion), Plymouth; W. K. Hartsell, Randleman; W. T. Hanner, Randolph; C. C. Robbins, Richland; W. C. Whitaker, Roanoke; J. F. Woody (by motion), Saxapahaw; Winfield Crew (alternate), Spring Church; G. H. Thompon, Stanly; W. N. Brown, Surry; Thomas G. Coble, Tabernacle; J. P. Satterwhite, Vance; W. T. Tucker, Wadesboro; P. W. Mock, Winston circuit; J. H. Pegram, Winston Station.

Motion to suspend rules of order withdrawn.

W. A. Bunch was called to the chair and the President read his annual report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, Friendship, N. C., Nov. 22nd, 1899.

Dear Brethren: After another year of labor in the Master's vineyard, we are by His grace permitted to come together again in annual session. And yet we are not all here. On February 14th, Rev. A. W. Lineberry, D. D., after a little more than a half century of active service, without a single break, was released from labor and entered into rest. He died away from home, and in the bounds of Richland circuit, his field of labor for the year. His life was one of great usefulness and singular faithfulness. We shall miss his gentle presence and wise counsel.

On Oct. 23rd, Rev. R. R. Hanner was also transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant, and though not in the regular work at the time of his death, he was ever ready to render any service that opportunity afforded to the church he so much loved. He was a man of deep spirituality, and none who knew him can doubt his readiness to answer the great roll call.

Obituary committees were promptly appointed in both cases, and it is presumed will be ready to report to this Conference.

Soon after the rise of our last Annual Conference, Sister Maud Hanner Thompson, daughter of Rev. R. R. Hanner and wife of Rev. H. S. B. Thompson, fell asleep in Jesus. She was a true helpmeet to her husband in the work of the gospel ministry, and while it has not been customary to appoint an obituary committee on the death of a preacher's wife, I felt impelled to make this reference to the memory of one who was so good and useful. All of these were found with their lamps trimmed and burning. May we also be ready, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

Since writing this report and on the way to Conference I learned and with sadness must announce to you the death of Rev. R. R. Michaux, one of the oldest members of our body. He died at his home in the town of Liberty on last Monday, after a lingering illness of several months. He was no doubt fully prepared and ready to go and rest from his labor. Often has he amused us with his rare wit and touched our hearts by his pathos, and as we think of him now our hearts will be moved as never before. Thank God, he rests from his labors and his works do follow him. I would recommend that the Conference appoint a committee and draft suitable resolutions to be presented at the memorial service, Sunday, and to prepare an obituary.

On March 1st, Rev. C. A Pickens was appointed to the pastorate of Richland circuit, made vacant by the death of Dr. Lineberry. He entered upon his duties very promptly, and has been able to do a good and successful year's work.

So thorough was the work of the stationing committee at our last Conference as to leave only Wadesboro circuit and Charlotte Mission unsupplied. On Dec. 9th, Rev. J. L. Giles was assigned to Wadesboro circuit. He entered at once upon the work, and his labors have been crowned with a good degree of success and have given general satisfaction. No effort was made to supply Charlotte Mission, as it existed on paper only.

RELEASES.

In May, Rev. R. M. Andrews was released from Asheville and Swannanoa Mission. This was not done until the situation had been thoroughly canvassed and the Church Extension Board had arrived at the conclusion that it was not wise to continue efforts in a field so unpromising.

Bro. Andrews received the hearty and unanimous commendation of the Board of Church Extension on his faithfulness, and in his release the Board unanimously concurred with the Executive.

Swannanoa church should again become a part of Buncombe circuit.

About the middle of October Rev J. W. Frank, feeling that he was divinely called to work in the Foreign field, and having been elected by the Board of Foreign Missions, to go to Japan, was released from the pastorate of Winston Station.

As this was so near the close of the Conference year no special effort was made to secure a successor, but the pulpit has been supplied most of the time.

WITHDRAWALS.

In August. Rev. L. L. Albright asked for and was given a letter of his standing in the Conference.

In September, Rev. J. R. Savage also asked for and was granted a letter of his standing.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Caroleen and Forest City Mission has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity under the direction of Rev. N. G. Bethea. A very good church building is well on the way at Caroleen and one, not so good, is nearer completion in Bessemer City.

This Mission appears to be very promising.

After his release from Asheville and Swannanoa, Bro. Andrews, by direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension, spent a short time in the town of Reidsville, where an opening for our church had been reported.

He found there a number of Methodist Protestants, and met with some encouragement, but whether the future is sufficiently hopeful to justify placing a man in the field at this time, I am not prepared to say.

The Board may be able to make recommendations in regard to Reidsville later in the session.

In this connection I would respectfully suggest that greater care be taken before reporting to this Conference openings for the establishment of new church enterprises, that they may be real rather than supposed openings.

On account of the failure to place in the hands of pastors a plan for collecting funds, it is feared that the offering for church extension this year will be reduced considerably below what it has been for the last two years, and I would recommend that a special committee again be appointed to prepare a plan, to be placed in the hands of pastors, not later than January 15th.

There are some open doors now before us, and others, no doubt, will soon be opened, and besides the work now under the care of the Board needs more aid than can be given under the present circumstances.

FINANCE.

This interest has been placed in the hands of a competent committee, and I shall not make many suggestions. It is generally conceded that the salaries of many of our pastors are quite too small, but how to increase them is a vexed question. I am glad, however, to believe that there is a disposition, in some parts of the District, at least, to improve in this particular, and, indeed, great improvement has been made in the past few years.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee of the last two Conferences, that "Stewards be required to report quarterly to their respective churches the amount collected for pastor's salary and by whom paid," has been adopted by a number of charges, and, I think, will prove very helpful to the stewards and result in cutting off deficits when used. But I find that many of the pastors failed to call the attention of their quarterly conferences to these resolutions, and, of course, they were not put into practice.

It is poorly worth while for committees to devise plans for advancing the interest of the church, and for the Conference to adopt their reports, if they are never to be put into use.

It may be that we are in danger of introducing too much of a business spirit into the church, but there is a business side to the work, and the pastor to succeed must have some business tact for the question of a reasonable support must after all remain largely with the pastor and his people.

GENERAL INTERESTS.

For Foreign Missions the offering will probably be the largest in the history of our Conference This will show what can be done when an earnest effort is put forth.

The other general interests will perhaps be as well provided for as usual, and for some causes an improvement will be shown.

I would recommend the appointment of a special committee to manage a schedule of collections for the general interests, naming a month in which each shall be presented, or in some instances combining two or more in one collection, if thought best. This will at least insure greater uniformity in the collections and may increase the contributions.

BOUNDARIES.

The committee on boundaries has been appointed with special care, and I shall make no definite recommendations.

Our past experience has demonstrated the wisdom of dividing large fields.

The question of our ability to supply the work should probably be considered by the committee, as it is generally unwise to leave a field unsupplied.

Quite a number of applications for membership in our Conference have been received from ministers in other Conferences during the year, but for reasons considered justifying none have been encouraged to come. Some of these may possibly be available yet, if needed.

I do not know the number of young men of our own who will apply for work, but I think very likely we will not have more than we shall need.

Owing to the importance and difficulty of the work of the committee on boundaries, it has been suggested that the committee be elected by the Conference for a term of years. This suggestion is worthy of consideration.

LITERATURE.

Our people need to be induced, if possible, to read more, and especially our own church literature It is hoped that the committee may be able to devise some plan by which the circulation of our church papers may be increased in our Conference.

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY.

This service was held in very many of our churches, and it is believed with helpful results.

THE 20TH CENTURY.

The gracious 20th century spirit which is being felt by the churches in all Christian lands should not be disregarded by our conference, and I would recommend the appointment of a committee to take into consideration the selection of a cause or causes to which our 20th century offering shall be applied, and that this committee report to this Conference as early as convenient.

A SPECIAL RECOMMENDATION.

In view of the fact that there are necessary expenses attached to the office of secretary of our Annual Conference in the matter of stationery, postage, etc., and in view of the further fact that considerable labor is necessary in order to get the Minutes ready for the publishing committee, I would recommend that a collection be taken during each session of Conference of not less than ten dollars for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the secretary.

THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE WORK.

The general condition of the work, I think, is good. Quite a number of new churches have been built during the year, and others are in course of erection. Besides Caroleen and Bessemer City, a splendid new church is well advanced in Henderson. A new church has been built at Ringwood. A very good new building has been erected in Randleman, and one is well on the way in the town of Rural Hall. This last is a new church enterprise. In addition to these, there are a number of new churches in contemplation, and in some instances steps have already been taken in the direction of building. Many churches and some parsonages have been repaired and improved.

Revivals have prevailed in the district—in parts of the east and west to an unusual extent; and it is believed our increase for the year will be good.

THE WORKERS.

So far as I have been able to learn, the pastors have all been faithful and efficient. The winter was one of great severity, and the workers were consequently hindered somewhat during the winter months. The presence of smallpox for awhile interfered with the work in a few places, But in the main everything has been propitious, and the year has been one of prosperity. When all reports are in, I think we as a Conference may sing with spirit,

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

In the expulsion of Bro. S. R. Richardson from the church at Pleasant Hill, Why Not circuit, it is claimed by the defendant that the law governing such trials was not fully carried out. Bro. Richardson appealed to the Quarterly Conference, and the decision of the lower court was confirmed, notwithstanding some apparent irregularities, and while the ends of justice may not have been defeated it might be well for our Conference to inquire into this case as our Discipline provides that every *accused* member shall have a fair trial according to law, before any judgment can be pronounced.

MY OWN WORK.

I am glad that I am able to say I have done my very best. All my time, talents and energies have been given. I have regarded neither cold or heat, comfort or expense, and while I am conscious of mistakes and failures, they have been unavoidable. My health has been unusually good. And I have not received a single message from my home during the year calculated to render me apprehensive in regard to the life or health of my family.

All the fields of labor except La Grange, Wadesboro and Caldwell circuits have been reached. I was prevented from visiting LaGrange and Wadesboro by temporary personal affliction. Caldwell was visited by Rev. J. E. Hartsell as my proxy.

God has been very gracious to me. And the pastors and churches have shown me great and uniform kindness and accorded me very generous courtesy, and while the work has been very hard, and while there is entirely too much of it for one man, I have found much pleasure and abundant labor during the year.

And now with gratitude to God and sincere thanks to pastors and people, and praying God's blessings upon you in your deliberations, I beg to submit this imperfect report of an imperfect year's work.

Your fellow laborer,
W. F. KENNETT.

On motion the above was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

President's character passed.

Election of officers was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock Thursday.

Program committee made report.

The following were appointed to report to newspapers: C. H. Whitaker, *Raleigh News and Observer;* W. K. Hartsell, *Stanly Enterprise;* J. S. Williams, *Charlotte Observer;* J. F. McCulloch, *Greensboro Daily Record;* R. H. Brooks, *Greensboro Evening Telegram.*

Time for meeting and adjournment fixed as follows: Meet at 8:30 a. m., adjourn at 12; meet at 1 p. m., adjourn at pleasure; meet at 7 p. m., adjourn at pleasure.

Bar of Conference fixed at a line connecting second seats back of stoves.

Motion to adjourn withdrawn.

J. F. Austin, Representative of the *Asheville Citizen*, was invited to a seat within the bar.

Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat within the bar.

Conference adjourned.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

Conference assembled at 7 p. m.

Conference sermon was preached by J. S. Williams from John 6:63. The sermon was such as to magnify Christ and His word, urging a life and work in accordance with His spirit.

Conference committees announced as follows:

Conference Committees.

FACULTY.—W. A. Bunch, W. C. Kennett, J. H. Stowe, C. L. Whitaker, T. M. Johnson, J. F. McCulloch, J. F. Dosier, W. F. Kennett.

ORDINANCES.—J. E. Hartsell, W. F. Ashburn, W. F. McDowell, N. S. Allen, H. J. Butler, Jos. Willis, T. E. Pulley.

PASTORAL WORK.—C. A. Cecil, W. L. Harris, J. H. Totten, D. A. Fishel, G. S. Kernodle, H. R. Little, C. C. Robbins.

FINANCE.—R. H. Brooks, J. R. Hutton, H. S. B. Thompson, W. W. Hunter, W. K. Hartsell, J. P. Turner.

MISSIONS.—C. L. Whitaker, J. S. Williams, J. H. Moton, W. N. Brown, J. H. Pegram, J. C. Bess, J. Mc W. Alexander.

TEMPERANCE.—W. C. Hammer, J. F. Dosier, P. C. Battle, N. B. King, J. W. Doub, L. W. Holt, Joseph Taylor.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—W. R. Lowdermilk, H. L. Powell, Charles Ross, W. T. Hanner, J. W. Crew.

LITERATURE.—T. M. Johnson, W. M. Pike, E. A. Powell, J. E. Hunter, R. A. Pickens, J. M. Hadley.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—T. F. McCulloch, C. E. M. Raper, I. I. York, W. C. Whitaker, Thos. G. Coble, A. M. Idol.

COLLEGES.—W. E. Swain, J. N. Garrett, J. P. Satterwhite, L. L. Wrenn, J. T. Cozart, G. A. Nicholson, A. H. Evans.

BOUNDARIES.—W. A. Bunch, W. W. Amick, J. H. Stowe, J. A. Gray, Sr., P. W. Mock, N. F. Morgan,

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—J. F. McCulloch, D. A. Highfill, G. F. Millaway, W. A. Bowman, Miss Sallie Cherry.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.—N. M. Modlin, J. D. Williams, W. T. Tucker.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—W. C. Kennett, W. D. Fogleman, L. H. McAdams, Samuel Patrick.

STATISTICS.—Wm. Porter, C. H. Whitaker.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.—R. M. Andrews, W. T. Totten.

PULPIT SERVICE,—E. A. Plyler, G. H. Thompson, J. H. Snotherly,

COLLECTORS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—W. C. Lassiter.
HOME MISSIONS AND AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—E. G. Lowdermilk.
CHURCH EXTENSION.—A. L. Hunter.
SUPERANNUATES AND SEMINARY.—O. P. Routh.
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGES.—G. H. Austin.
PUBLISHING MINUTES.—D. A. Braswell.

Report of Program Committee was re-committed with instructions that the Committee arrange the time of speakers and such matters as are not provided for by the order of business.

Rev. T. H. Lewis spoke in behalf of Ministerial Education and Westminster Theological Seminary, urging the importance of searching for young men inclined toward the ministry and helping them to decide.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, From some unknown cause sickness has entered the ranks of the young women of the State Normal and Industrial College in Greensboro, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, now in session, extend profound sympathy to the honored President and Faculty who have been so faithful in caring for the sick; to its body of noble young women who have stood bravely by the college and their stricken comrades; to its young ladies who are yet ill and to their parents, and to the parents from whom death has taken a loved one. We pray that our loving Father may restore the sick ones, that his tender mercies may be over the institution which has proven so great a blessing to our beloved State; that He will grant to President McIver and his associates daily strength for their ordeal.

R. H. BROOKS, T. M. JOHNSON,
C. H. WHITAKER, J. S. WILLIAMS.

Conference adjourned by song and benediction.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Conference met at 8:30, President Kennett in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. H Hartsell.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The following additional members were noted present: W. L. Harris, J. E. Hartsell, G. F. Millaway, E. A. Plyler. J. M. Hadley lay delegate from LaGrange.

Petition from Granville Quarterly Conference, asking that the credentials of Jas. H. Gilbreath be restored, was referred to the Faculty.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the collectors be required to receive receipts held by pastors from general agents.
J. H. TOTTEN,
W. A. BUNCH.

A motion relative to the publication of financial reports having been withdrawn, another was made, amended and carried requiring this year's reports to be published as made.

It was made the order of the day to hear T. H. Lewis at 11 o'clock.

On motion required to elect a Committee to hear appeal from Why Not circuit. Ordered that committee consist of two ministers and three laymen. The following were elected: T. M. Johnson and J. F. McCulloch, ministerial; J. M. Hadley, W. C. Whitaker and J. E. Hunter, lay.

C. L. Whitaker asked where money collected for R. R. Michaux should be reported. Instructed by an amended motion to report it under head of Superannuates.

W. R. Lowdermilk asked under what head to report moneys raised for special theological students. Instructed to report under head of Ministerial Education.

Ordered that moneys raised for Asheville Pastor's salary be reported under head of Church Extension.

Ordered that moneys raised for building or repairing other than local church be reported under head Building and Repairing Churches.

On motion ordered that mortgage on Yadkin College be turned over to the Conference Trustees.

Motion to adjourn immediately after the election of officers for meeting of committees was carried.

Committees announced as follows: Credentials—W. M. Pike, W. K. Hartsell. On Examination of Class Book—J. R. Hutton, J. F. Dosier.

On motion Conference proceeded to elect Committee on Ministerial Moral Character as follows: W. W. Amick, W. A. Bunch, J. F. McCulloch, C. A. Cecil, W. C. Hammer.

On motion Chair appointed Committee on Ministerial Official Character as follows: J. H. Stowe, C. H. Whitaker, W. W. Hunter.

By request of Winston station it was ordered that financial report so read as to show that salary of J. W. Frank was not paid in full because of his resignation before the close of year to accept work in Japan.

J. F. McCulloch reported $1.38 left from publishing minutes last year.

Moved that Conference meet on second Wednesday before Thanksgiving, 1900. So amended as to fix time of meeting on Wednesday after third Sunday in November, 1900. Amended motion carried.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Conference met at one o'clock, with C. L. Whitaker in the chair.

Chair ruled that the election as Secretary of Quarterly Conference of one not a member of said Conference, does not make him a member of Conference.

Ordered that Conference proceed to elect Stationing Committee. J. R. Hutton, W. C. Whitaker, Chas. Ross, W. R. Lowdermilk appointed as tellers. Ministerial member elected, W. F. Kennett; lay member, J. M. Hadley.

The ballot for Committee of Appeals having been taken, it was ordered that tellers retire to count the vote.

Resolution relative to keeping record of adult baptism lost.

Report of Committee on President's report submitted.

Motion to adopt was carried, after a motion to amend relative to deferring action upon reports had failed. See Report No. 1.

Standing District Committee elected as follows: W. W. Amick, W. A. Bunch, G. W. Bowman, J. C. Roberts, J. L. Ogburn, M. F. Fox.

Ordered that Conference proceed to select place for meeting of next Conference. Pinnacle, Randleman, Union Chapel, Asheboro were placed in nomination. Pinnacle was selected.

The Secretary was ordered to publish in printed minutes separate list of ministerial voting members of Conference.

The term of three Conference Trustees having expired, W. W. Amick, J. E. Hartsell were re-elected; and R. H. Brooks, to take the place of B. Davidson; and T. M. Johnson, to take the place of A. W. Lineberry, deceased.

Ordered that item on page 18 of last year's minutes, relative to election of Conference Trustees, should read T. J. Ogburn instead J. L. Ogburn, error.

Dr. D. S. Stephens, Chancellor of Kansas City University, and T. J. Ogburn, Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions, were introduced to the Conference. The former was invited to an honorary seat, the latter being a member.

Ordered that election law as amended last year be printed in minutes.

Election Law of the North Carolina Conference.

The Second Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge shall nominate double the number of laymen to which the field of labor may be entitled, as delegates to the Annual Conference: the pastor shall announce from each pulpit the names of the nominees, and appoint a day, which shall be that on which his appointment shall fall at each church, if practicable, for taking the vote, by ballot, for the number to which the charge may be entitled; the ballots cast by members over twenty-one years of age, to be received by class leaders and stewards, under the supervision of the pastor, and by *them to be counted*, and the count to be forwarded to the Third Quarterly Conference, to be compared by that body; the brother or brethren receiving the *plurality* of votes shall be declared duly elected, and a certificate shall be given accordingly, and the pastor immediately after Third Quarterly Conference, shall certify to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the representative elected.

See Conference Minutes, 1889, 1893, 1897, 1898.

Announced by Program Committee that Conference will hear Dr. D. S. Stephens, Chancellor of Kansas City University, at 10 o'clock, Friday.

Action of last year's Conference, directing Secretary to bind copies of printed minutes not recorded in Journal, was rescinded; and Secretary ordered to have same bound when there are sufficient copies to make a volume of convenient size.

Tellers reported that by count of ballot W. C. Whitaker was found to be elected a member of Committee on Appeals. By vote Secretary cast the ballot of Conference for the three Ministers receiving the highest number of votes as follows: W. A. Bunch, C. A. Cecil, J. R. Hutton. By vote the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for the two laymen receiving the next highest vote as follows: R. H. Brooks, J. A. Gray, Sr.

Conference took recess until 3 o'clock.

Election of officers being the order of the day, W. E. Swain and R. H. Brooks were appointed tellers. W. F. Kennett was re-elected President on first ballot. On motion the vote was made unanimous. The Assistant Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of Conference for T. M. Johnson, Secretary. Secretary appointed C. E. Forlines Assistant.

Conference adjourned to give Committees opportunity to meet.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

Conference met at 7 p. m., President Kennett in the chair.

An appropriate address of welcome was delivered by D. P. Whitley , to which G. F. Millaway responded.

Sermon by T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, from Isa. 6: 4.

By vote it was decided that final adjournment should be made Monday night, the 27, to leave on early train Tuesday morning.

Boundary Committee was granted leave of absence for part of to-morrow morning's session.

Ordered that conference meet to-morrow evening at 6:30.

Conference adjourned with benediction by T. H. Lewis.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Conference met at 8:30 with President Kennett in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. C. Whitaker.

On motion T. J. Ogburn, W. C. Kennett, W. C. Whitaker were elected to present resolutions concerning death of R. R. Michaux in the memorial service Sunday afternoon and to prepare an obituary to be published.

Conference Stewards were granted leave of absence.

Geo. E. Hunt was excused from further attendance during morning session.

Report of Committee on unfinished business submitted and adopted. See Report No. 2.

Ordered that funds collected for superannuates be turned over to Superannuate Fund Society for distribution.

On motion the Committee on Superannuate Fund, appointed one year ago, consisting of T. F. McCulloch, J. E. Hartsell, and J. S. Hunter, was continued to report one year hence.

Report of Temperance Committee submitted and adopted. See Report No. 3.

Report of Committee on Ordinances submitted and adopted. See Report No. 4.

Motion that the name of J. G. W. Holloway be enrolled, was so amended as to refer the matter to the Committee on Ministerial Moral Character, and adopted.

Ordered that Committee on Ministerial Moral Character make report in the case of J. G. W. Holloway as early as possible.

On motion C. A. Cecil was excused from acting on Committee on Ministerial Moral Character while considering the case of J.

G. W. Holloway, and by further motion the name of C. L. Whitaker was substituted.

Letter from J. C. Berrien, Secretary and Treasurer Board of Ministerial Education, was read.

By order of Conference C. A. Cecil was appointed to receive payments from beneficiaries.

Resolution to limit term of pastorates to four years lost.

It being the order of the day, Dr. D. S. Stephens, Chancellor of Kansas City University, addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution.

Conference took recess until 11 o'clock at which time the annual meeting of the North Carolina Missionary Society was held.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Conference met at 1 o'clock with C. L. Whitaker in the chair

Committee on Statistics granted leave of absence.

Ordered that Committee on Ministerial Official Character be allowed to report without reading to Conference pastor's official reports.

The official characters of the following passed: D. A. Braswell, W. C. Kennett, O. P. Routh, H. S. B. Thompson, P. C. Battle, W. W. Amick, D. A. Highfill, W. D. Fogleman, W. F. McDowell, T. F. McCulloch, C. E. M. Raper, Clifton L. Whitaker, H. D. Garmon, J. D. Williams, J. L. Giles, N. B. Bethea, J. R. Hutton, W. E. Swain, W. M. Pike, W. T. Totten, C. A. Cecil, W. F. Ashburn, Cary H. Whitaker, T. M. Johnson, W. C. Hammer, W. L. Harris, J. E. Hartsell, J. N. Garrett, G. H. Austin, J. H. Stowe, H. L. Powell, C. E. Forlines, J. W. Frank, E. G. Lowdermilk, Wm. Porter, J. H. Moton, John H. Totten, P. D. Moore, D. A. Fishel, W. R. Lowdermilk, C. A. Pickens, J. F. Dosier, W. C. Lassiter, E. A. Plyler, A. L. Hunter, I. I. York, G. F. Millaway, G. W. Bowman, T. T. Ferree, J. W. Heath, T. J. Ogburn, S. Simpson, J. F. McCulloch, R. E. Davis, W. O. Davis, J. S. Dunn, Geo. E. Hunt.

C. C. Robbins granted leave of absence after this session.

Report of Committee on Colleges submitted. Amended by striking out everything concerning Fallston Institute. Report adopted as amended. See Report No 5.

Miss Annie L. Forrest, Traveling Secretary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced to the Conference.

The meeting of the Electoral College being the order of the day, the Conference decided to alternate its sessions with the sessions of that body.

Superannuate Fund Society granted leave of absence.

Committee on Appeals granted leave of absence.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan of the Baptist Church was introduced to the Conference

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference and, we believe of the people of North Carolina, as well as of all Christian people in these United States, that the present member-elect, Brigham H. Roberts, from the State of Utah, ought not to be permitted to retain a seat in the Legislative Department of these United States.

J. S. DUNN.
H. S. B. THOMPSON.

Conference adjourned for committees to meet.

THIRD DAY—Evening Session.

Conference met at 6:30, President Kennett in the chair.

T. J. Ogburn, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Conference on the subject of Missions.

Collection was taken for incidental expenses of General Conference and for the incidental expenses of the Secretary of this Conference, which amounted to $15.08, $5.00 of which is to go to the General Conference.

Program Committee announced that Miss Annie Lee Forrest, Traveling Secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, would address the Conference Saturday at 6:30 p. m.

Report of Committee on Why Not Appeal submitted and adopted. See Report No. 6.

Report of Committee on Pastoral Work submitted and adopted. See Report No. 7.

Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

Conference met at 8:30, with C. L. Whitaker in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by Wm. Porter.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

W. P. Pickett was invited to a seat within the bar.

Committee on Christian Endeavor retired by consent.

Report of Committee to Receive Funds from beneficiaries submitted and adopted. See Report No. 8.

Report of Committee to Prepare Program for Seventieth Anniversary submitted and adopted. See Report No. 9.

Motion that balance in hands of the above committee be used for publishing minutes. So amended as to turn over one-half to J. F. McCulloch to be used in the improvement of *Our Church Record*; the other half for publishing the minutes, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted and recommitted.

2 o'clock p. m. to-day fixed as time for meeting of Conference Brotherhood.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Prof. G. W. Holmes did so long unselfishly and acceptably manage Yadkin College High School, and

WHEREAS, He did grant free tuition to so many young men, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that Bro. Holmes merits the highest appreciation of this body.

Resolved, That this Conference tender Bro. Holmes its hearty thanks for his noble work at said institution.

W. E. SWAIN,
C. A. CECIL,
J. D. WILLIAMS.

Board of Superannuate Fund Society granted permission to retire.

J. L. Giles granted permission to make statement to Conference.

On motion the following Committee appointed to ascertain amount necessary to defray expenses of delegates to General Conference, and apportion the same among the charges in the same ratio as the President's salary, the chairman to act as Treasurer and receive the funds thus collected: T. M. Johnson, J. Norman Wills, R. H. Brooks.

The action of the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Wadesboro, in dropping Union Chapel, was endorsed.

Secretary directed to send greetings to the Western North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church South, in session at Concord.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS irresponsible parties, sometimes falsely claiming proper authority to preach the gospel and in some cases ignoring all such authority, have been granted permission to preach in our pulpits, often to the confusion and demoralization of the churches and congregations, be it

Resolved, That this Conference hereby urge the pastors and Trustees to deny the use of our pulpits and churches to all that do not come properly recommended as in good standing in some evangelical church.

G. F. MILLAWAY,
W. C. HAMMER,
C. E. M. RAPER.

Recommendations from Wadesboro Quarterly Conference, recommending S. R. Brock and J. L. Giles to the itinerancy; also recommendations from Buncombe Fourth Quarterly Conference, and from the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Lexington, recommending respectively J. F. Austin and S. A. Cross to the itinerancy, referred to Faculty.

On motion permanent Boundary Committee elected as follows: W. A. Bunch and J. L. Ogburn to serve one year; W. F. McDowell and J. Norman Wills, for two years.

Report of Committee on Christian Endeavor submitted and adopted. See Report No. 10.

Committee on Fraternal Relations re-submitted report which was adopted. See Report No. 11.

Conference took a recess of 30 minutes.

Report of Committee on Missions submitted and by consent temporarily withdrawn.

Partial report of Committee on Boundaries submitted and adopted. See Report No. 12, Part I.

Ordered that balance on hand from publishing minutes last year be applied to that purpose this year.

J. F. McCulloch was elected committee to publish minutes.

The official character of N. M. Modlin passed.

Conference took collection for family of R. R. Michaux, amounting to $54.50.

Committee on Ministerial Moral Character retired by consent.

Report of Committee on Statistics submitted and adopted. See sheet.

Report of Committee on Finance submitted. The hour of adjournment having arrived, adjournment was deferred to finish reading report.

Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—Afternoon Session.

Conference met at 1 o'clock, with C. L. Whitaker in the chair.

Motion that report of Committee on Finance be re-read carried and re-considered. Report considered item by item. Preliminary adopted. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 adopted. Item 5 so amended as to read, " We accept assessment laid by Board of Home Missions." Items 6, 7, 8, 9 adopted. Action on item 10 deferred until final report of Boundary Committee be made. See report No. 13.

Board of Church Extension and Wm. Porter permitted to retire.

Report of Publishing House Trustees submitted and adopted. See Report No. 14.

J. R. Hutton and J. F. Dosier permitted to retire.

Motion to lay on the table a resolution relating to legality of candidate for delegate, not nominated by Second Quarterly Conference, was lost.

Action on the pending resolution deferred to hear report of Committee on Ministerial Moral Character. Report submitted and adopted. See Report No, 15.

The following was offered as a substitute for the pending resolution and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that any member on any charge in the North Carolina District is at liberty to vote for any member for delegate to the Annual Conference, that he may choose.

W. E. SWAIN,
C. A. CECIL,
J. R. HUTTON.

Committee to examine Class Books submitted and adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to examine Class Books wish to report as follows: Upon the examination of books presented to us we presume to the best of our knowledge and belief that they are in a fair condition.

J. R. HUTTON,
J. F. DOSIER.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution requiring pastors to bring their class books to the Annual Conference be rescinded, and that the President be requested to make examination of class books during his visit to the various charges.

J. R. HUTTON,
J. F. DOSIER,
C. A. CECIL.

Report of Committee on Missions submitted and adopted. See Report No. 16.

On motion each pastor is required to collect so far as possible all unpaid pledges on Publishing House.

On motion Dr. D. P. Whitley requested to furnish the manuscript of his Address of Welcome for publication; and G. F. Millaway to furnish manuscript of Response for publication.

Motion to adjourn lost.

A, L. Hunter asked for instruction concerning the credentials of a brother, which had been carried away. Matter referred to the Faculty.

Ordered that the Chair appoint a Committee to arrange a plan of appointments for Miss Annie L. Forrest.

Adjourned by benediction.

FOURTH DAY—Evening Session.

Conference met at 6:30, C. L. Whitaker in the chair.

Miss Annie L. Forrest, Traveling Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, addressed the Conference in the interest of woman's work. Collection for same amounted to $41.80.

Committee to arrange plan of appointment for Miss Forrest announced as follows: T. J. Ogburn, W E. Swain, Wm. Porter, W. C. Whitaker, Chas. Ross.

Report of Board of Church Extension submitted and adopted. See Report No. 17.

On motion Cary H. Whitaker and R. M. Andrews were elected a Program Committee (one other member, a layman, to be appointed by the chairman) to arrange a schedule for the routine business of next Conference, including time for visiting speakers, also to devise a plan for receiving moneys for general interests.

Report on Asheville Pastor's Salary submitted and adopted. See Report No. 18.

The Electoral College reported the following representatives elected to the General Conference: Ministerial, W. F. Kennett, W. A. Bunch, T. J. Ogburn, T. M. Johnson, C. L. Whitaker, C. A. Cecil, J. F. McCulloch, J. R. Hutton, G. F. Millaway; lay, W. C. Whitaker, R. H. Brooks, W. P. Pickett, J. Norman Wills, J. M. Hadley, J. Allen Holt, A. J. Harris, R. T. Pickens, W. K. Hartsell. Alternates, ministerial, J. S. Williams, W. E. Swain, J. E. Hartsell, H. S. B. Thompson, J. H. Stowe; lay, O. R. Cox, F. R. Harris, J. N. Gill, J. L. Ogburn, A. M. Rankin.

Committee on Pulpit Service made the following announcement: Sunday, Nov. 27th, Albemarle, at 11 a. m., M. E. Church, South, T. J. Ogburn; Baptist, J. S. Williams; 6:30 p. m., Baptist, J. D. Williams. Friendship, 10 a.m., Experience meeting; 11a.m., W. E. Swain; 2:30 p. m., Memorial service; 6:30 p. m., W. A. Bunch; Salem M. E. Church, G. F. Millaway.

Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—*Morning Session.*

Conference met at 8:30, President Kennett in the chair.

S. E. Lucas conducted devotional exercises.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Boundary Committee permitted to retire.

Report of Obituary Committees to prepare obituary for A. W. Lineberry and R. R. Hanner, and partial report of Committee to prepare obituary for R. R. Michaux adopted. Motion that these reports be published in *Our Church Record* and not in minutes, so amended as to leave it optional with Committee to publish in minutes if he deems best, adopted.

The following resolution adopted by rising vote:

WHEREAS, The brethren and friends of Friendship Church so kindly invited this Conference to hold it present session in their midst and have made our stay so pleasant and agreeable, be it

Resolved, That we do greatly esteem every token of kindness shown by their love and liberality toward this Annual Conference, and pray God's blessing upon them all.

J. S. DUNN,
W. C. LASSITER,
D. A. HIGHFILL.

Moved that Stationing Committee report during this morning's session. Amendment requiring that they report at 2 o'clock P. M. Amendment to amendment, requiring that the Committee report at their earliest practical convenience, carried. Motion as amended adopted.

On motion required that Faculty and those having business with Faculty meet next year and thereafter on the day preceding sitting of the Conference.

Address on Church Finance prepared by J. S. Hunter made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-day.

The following Committee was elected to fix a standard size for page of printed minutes: J. F. McCulloch, T. M. Johnson, W. F. Kennett.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That inasmuch as A. E. Plyler has shown so great kindness in inviting, arranging for, and entertaining this Conference at Plyler, that we tender him a special vote of thanks.

J. H. MOTON,
C. L. WHITAKER,
W. C. WHITAKER.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools submitted and adopted. See Report No. 19.

The following resolution adopted :

WHEREAS, It is learned that some of our Sunday Schools ignore the law of our Discipline in the election of the Superintendent, officers and teachers, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that such Sunday Schools should be adjudged insubordinate and should receive the censure of this Conference; and that the Superintendents illegally elected should be refused seats in the Quarterly Conference.

T. J. OGBURN,
J. F. DOSIER.

Order of the day deferred to hear final report of the Boundary Committee. Report submitted, and moved to adopt. After considerable debate, previous question moved and carried. Report adopted. See Report No. 12, part II.

It being the order of the day J. R. Hutton read paper on Church Finances prepared by J. S. Hunter. Moved to publish in *Our Church Record*. Amendment to publish also in minutes having been withdrawn, the motion prevailed.

The following resolution was presented. After some discussion, the previous question was moved and carried. Paper adopted:

WHEREAS, There is difference of opinion as to whether a private member of the church, having been tried by a local committee and having appealed to the Quarterly Conference, has an appeal, on a point of law, to the Annual Conference, be it

Resolved, That the General Conference be and hereby is memorialized to render a decision on this point.

T. M. JOHNSON,
W. C. WHITAKER.

Report of Committee on Literature submitted.

W. A. Bunch was released from serving on Committee to arrange plan of appointments for Miss Forrest, and T. J. Ogburn substituted.

Moved to adopt Report of Committee on Literature. So amended as to consider item by item. Items 1, 2 adopted. Item 3 stricken out. Items 4, 5, 6 adopted. Item 7 stricken out. Report as amended adopted. See Report No. 20.

Conference adjourned until 1 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY—Afternoon Session.

Conference met at 1 o'clock with the president in the chair.

On motion report of Committee on Finance recommitted.

J. F. McCulloch was excused from further attendance.

J. M. Hadley excused from further attendance after 3 o'clock and J. T. Cozart after 4 o'clock.

Item 10 of report of Committee on Finance adopted. Report as a whole adopted. See report No 13.

Report of Conference Stewards submitted and adopted. See sheet.

Report of Faculty submitted and adopted. See Report No. 21.

Committee on Appeals and Stationing Committee granted leave of absence.

Report of Superannuate Fund Society submitted and adopted. See Report No. 22.

Official character of J. S. Williams, W. A. Bunch, and R. M. Andrews passed.

Resolution in Regard to deferring action on reports of Committees until day after they are submitted was lost.

Consecration meeting was made the order of the day for 6:30 p. m.

Ordered that Collectors turn over to Secretary of Conference funds for Home Missions and American Bible Society, to be forwarded to the proper persons to receive them.

On motion J. H. Bowman was elected to Elder's orders, and time for ordination fixed at the close of consecration meeting.

On motion the names of L. L. Albright and J. R. Savage, who have been granted letters of good standing, be stricken from the roll.

The following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That this Annual Conference request A. J. Harris, of Henderson, to present to the next session of the Conference a plan for organizing a Historical Association, the purpose of which shall be (1) To obtain all the facts of history and biography pertaining to the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina. (2) To gather the facts of historic interest concerning Methodist Protestant Church at large. (3) To establish a repository for whatever records may be obtained by said Association.

J. S. WILLIAMS,
T. M. JOHNSON,
J. H. STOWE.

By request P. W. Mock made a short address on Church Finances.

Letter from J. H. Gilbreath read and referred to Faculty.

On motion it was ordered that J. F. McCulloch be requested to publish in *Our Church Record* the preliminary of report of Committee on Finance and that same be not published in minutes.

Motion requesting that publication of the above preliminary be deferred until minutes are out was lost.

On motion communications from certain churches in South Carolina to P. C. Battle referred to Permanent Boundary Committee.

On motion required that pastors furnish post office address to publisher of minutes as soon as ascertained, that they may appear in the minutes.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Committee announced plan of appointments for Miss Annie L. Forrest.

Conference adjourned by benediction.

FIFTH DAY—Evening Session.

Conference met at 6:30, President Kennett in the chair.

J. H. Moton led consecration meeting.

J. H. Bowman was ordained by President, assisted by W. A. Bunch and W. E. Swain, and on motion was made a member of Conference.

On motion last year's Board of Church Extension was re-elected as follows: W. F. Kennett, R. H. Brooks, W. A. Bunch, J. Allen Holt, T. M. Johnson.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That pastors be required to remit to the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension amounts for Twentieth Century Funds as received.

The following Committee was appointed to prepare an exercise to be used in raising Twentieth Century Fund: J. Norman Wills, J. F. McCulloch, J. R. Hutton, T. M. Johnson, J. S. Hunter.

On motion report of Stationing Committee was submitted. See Report No. 23.

Minutes read and approved.

Conference adjourned by prayer by W. C. Hammer, to meet at Pinnacle at the time appointed.

W. F. KENNETT, *President.*
T. M. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

Report No. 1.

ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. The committee would recommend that special attention be given to the opening in Reidsville. If the Annual Conference fails to enter it now, we would suggest that the President and Board of Church Extension be directed to keep this place in mind, to be entered as soon as practicable.
2. We approve the recommendation regarding a plan for Church Extension collection.
3. We suggest that the pastor of next year and the delegate of this year from each charge be made a committee to inform the Quarterly Conference that the Annual Conference recommends that stewards be required to report quarterly to their respective churches the amounts received and by whom paid.
4. We approve the recommendation that a schedule of collections for general interests be prepared.
5. We approve the recommendation that the members of the Committee on Boundaries be elected for a term of years, and would suggest that the Committee consist of the President of the Annual Conference, Chairman, and two ministers and two laymen, one minister and one layman being elected each year for a term of two years, excepting the first year, when one minister and one layman are elected for one year.
6. We recommend that the matter of the Twentieth Century Fund be referred to the Committee on Finance.
7. We recommend that the expenses of the Secretary's office be met by a collection taken in the session of the Annual Conference.
8. We recommend that a committee be appointed to hear and consider and if deemed necessary report upon the case of the S. R. Richardson trial on Why Not Circuit.

J. F. McCULLOCH,
D. A. HIGHFILL,
W. A. BOWMAN,
G. F. MILLAWAY,
MISS SALLIE CHERRY.

Report No. 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, having carefully examined minutes of last Conference, find only one item, viz:

On page 18 of printed minutes, item 11 in report of Committee on President's Report, on motion item 11 postponed for one year, then to be taken up for further consideration.

W. C. KENNETT,
W. D. FOGLEMAN,
L. H. McADAMS.

Report No. 3.

TEMPERANCE.

Believing that intemperance is the cause of more suffering than famine, pestilence, and war: and believing that the saloon cannot legally exist without sin, hence the attitude of the church must forever be that of hostility to the manufacture, importation, exportation or sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage.

We deplore the fact that by a decision of the Attorney-General of the United States the action of Congress, intended to abolish the army canteen, has been rendered ineffective, and respectfully call upon the President of the United States, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, to enforce the law according to the aim and intent of Congress.

We call upon all good citizens to join us in rising above partisan feeling and use all honorable means for suppressing the traffic in all its nefarious work.

The Secretary of this Conference is hereby directed to transmit a copy of the action of this body to the President of the United States.

W. C. HAMMER, P. C. BATTLE,
L. W. HOLT, H. B. KING,

Report No. 4.

ORDINANCES.

1. We firmly believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper (the two ordinances acknowledged by the M. P. Church) are of Divine origin, and are to be perpetuated in the Church to the end of time.

2. That to be a good minister of Jesus Christ, he must be faithful to those over whom God has given him the oversight, teaching them the true nature and use of these ordinances, and faithfully administer the same.

Any minister of the N. C. Conference failing to do this, deserves a reprimand from the President, which should be faithfully and lovingly administered.

3. That Christian parents are required by the Divine law to dedicate their children to God by the holy ordinance of baptism, thereby acknowledging the high claim of Almighty God to the life and service of their offspring, and their own obligations to the Most High, to their children, and to the Church of Christ, to guide their feet into the paths of righteousness, and to raise them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

4. That all unbaptized adults seeking admission into the Church of Christ should first receive the ordinance of baptism as a prerequisite of membership in the M. P. Church.

5. That it is the duty and privilege of every member of Christ's Church, when the table of the Lord is spread, to claim their places at the table. And failure to do so, dishonors Christ and brings leanness to the soul.

6. That we are no more at liberty to neglect this duty than we are to disobey the command to keep the Sabbath day holy.

J. E. HARTSELL,
W. F. ASHBURN,
JOSEPH WILLIS,
S. S. ALLEN,
W. F. McDOWELL.

Report No. 5.

COLLEGES.

It is with great pleasure your committee notes the work done by Adrian College and Western Maryland College, and heartily recommend these institutions to all our people seeking a collegiate education.

2. The growing influence and splendid work done in the past, and bright promises of Kansas City University makes it demand a deeper sympathy and wider patronage of the Church at large and your committee takes pleasure in recommending the institution to all our people.

3. We would also recommend for your favorable consideration Yadkin College High School.

4. Oak Ridge Institute, while not under the control of the N. C. Conference, is doing such work as to merit the hearty endorsement of this Conference, and we recommend this institution to the favorable consideration of our people.

5. We most heartily recommend Westminister Theological Seminary to all our young men contemplating the ministry, and to all our people for a wider sympathy and stronger financial aid, and insist that the amount asked of this Conference be contributed.

6. We also call special attention to our Theological Seminary at Adrian College.

W. E. SWAIN, J. N. GARRETT,
J. P. SATTERWHITE, A. H. EVANS, Jr.

Report No. 6.

"WHY NOT" APPEAL.

Your Committee would respectfully report that we regard the trial of a certain private member on Why Not circuit illegal in the manner in which charges were preferred in that they were preferred by the pastor. We would further report that the pastor stated before the Committee that he was unaware, at the time, of the illegality of his proceedings.

J. E. HUNTER, *Chairman*,
J. F. McCULLOCH, *Secretary*.

Report No. 7.

PASTORAL WORK.

The poet sang "'Tis not a cause of small import, the pastor's care demands." Your Committee realize the sentiment and truth of the poet.

We believe pastoral visiting to be important and necessary to our church. In order to do the most good and fill our mission as ministers and preachers we must find access to the homes and hearts of our people. This can only be done by visiting them. He should visit all of his members at least once a year and all of his congregations if possible. Thus he wins their affections and esteem, and is thereby qualified to do them the greatest good.

As to methods of visiting we suggest that it is the duty of the pastor to visit his own members first, pray with them and for them. Show your love for them by feeling of their spiritual pulse. The faithful pastor is no respecter of persons. He will visit all conditions of people. In the work we must exercise our judgment and pray for the direction of the Holy Spirit. Some churches with their pastors are dying because they have no pastors.

We recommend that the ministers and preachers of this Conference spend more time in visiting their people and as you go from house to house distribute Methodist Protestant Principles. The success of our church and perpetuation as a denomination depends as much on pastoral work as on preaching the word.

C. A. CECIL, C. C. ROBBINS,
G. S. KERNODLE, J. H. TOTTEN,
H. R. LITTLE, W. L. HARRIS.

Report No. 8.

FUNDS FROM BENEFICIARIES.

Your Committee reports moneys received as follows:

W. E. Swain (in full)	$12.00
N. M. Modlin (he claims in full)	33.02
J. D. Williams (ten per cent. of salary)	41.40
C. H. Whitaker	12.00
J. S. Williams (interest)	10.20
Total	$108.62

C. A. CECIL, Committee.

Report No. 9.

ON PROGRAM FOR SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Your committee would report the work done at an expense for printing and postage of $27.45. The expense was met by collections taken by pastors, amounting to $48.92. There remains in hand a surplus of $21.47, the disposition of which is subject to your direction.

J. F. McCULLOCH, Chairman.

Report No. 10.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Believing that in many churches throughout the district the Christian Endeavor interest is neglected where there is ample material for the organization and maintenance of useful societies, and believing that a society properly conducted in each of these places would be of great benefit to the people, of much aid and encouragement to the pastors, and a vital force in the service of "Christ and the Church," we earnestly urge the pastors to give this institution their careful consideration.

We would recommend,

First, that, wherever possible, local unions be formed, that the societies may be a stimulus one to another.

Second, that intervisiting among local unions and subdistrict conferences be encouraged.

Third, that recognizing the work of the Christian Endeavor editor of *Our Church Record*, and of the Children's Column, conducted by "Aunt Ruth," and also of the "The North State Endeavor," and believing these to be very helpful forces in the Christian Endeavor movement, they be brought to the attention of the local societies.

W. R. LOWDERMILK, Chairm.,
H. L. POWELL,
J. W. CREW,
W. T. HANNER,
CHAS. ROSS.

Report No. 11.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to submit the following report:

It would have afforded us much pleasure to have had with us Dr. Tagg, editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, and H. L. Elderdice, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, but as they could not be with us we return to them our thanks for sending us such an able representative in the person of Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of Western Maryland College, whose addresses and sermon have been so edifying to this body. And we hereby tender to him our thanks, and extend to him a cordial invitation for the future, and pray God's blessings upon him in his noble work.

We are also glad to have had with us Rev. D. S. Stephens, D. D., Chancellor of Kansas City University, who so ably represented the interests of our Church in the far west, and Kansas University; something of which we are all proud.

And we are more than glad to have with us Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, who is one of us, who so clearly and forcibly presented the cause of Foreign Missions, the cause which he so much loves.

We are also pleased to have with us Miss Annie L. Forrest, Traveling Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, whose address to this Conference will no doubt accomplish the desired end, viz: create a greater interest in Woman's Foreign Missionary work.

N. M. MODLIN,
J. D. WILLIAMS,
W. T. TUCKER.

Report No. 12. Part 1.

BOUNDARIES.

We recommend, First, that Asheville Mission be discontinued, and that Swannanoa church be attached to Buncombe circuit.

Second, that the name of Caroleen and Forest City Mission be changed to that of Broad River Mission.

Third, that Mt. Pleasant and Fairview churches be detatched from Winston circuit and be attached to Guilford circuit.

Fourth, that the Lexington work be attached to the Winston circuit.

Fifth, that High Point Mission be changed to High Point Station.

Sixth, that the name of New Garden circuit be changed to East Guilford.

Seventh, that the town of Graham be made an appointment and attached to Burlington, and that the same be known as Burlington Station.

W. A. BUNCH, Chairman.

PART II.

In view of the importance of occupying Reidsville, Rocky Mount and other points, and anticipating the difficulty of prescribing boundaries, we therefore recommend that these points be referred to the care of the Board of Church Extension, and that they be requested to employ a Missionary for the working of such territory as the Board may see proper.

W. A. BUNCH, Chairman.

Report No. 13.

FINANCE.

Having thus tried to impress upon this Conference the crying need of more liberality in giving to one and all of its causes, we would feel that our work is but half complete if we failed to suggest some plans of operation for the coming year.

1. We recognize the need of paying more liberal salaries to our ministers. It means no reflection on the faithfulness of our ministers to say that we cannot hope to secure and retain the services of men of ability unless we pay living salaries. It is not amiss to add that a more liberal salary paid in full cannot be realized unless there is faithful pastoral work, and untiring devotion to every interest of the Church.

2. The amount promised the pastor should be regarded as a sacred business obligation ; the failure to fulfill it as dishonest.

3. As we sit during the closing weeks of the old century, and just upon the eve of the new, we feel that some unusual expression of our gratitude to God is fitting for mercies bestowed upon us in the past and appreciation of the fact that the new century soon to dawn is big with possibilities.

We heartily endorse the spirit which is animating the most progressive of our Conferences. Maryland has agreed to raise twenty thousand dollars as a Twentieth Century Thank Offering. While we may not be able to give this much, we can show our appreciation of the opportunity by giving in proportion to our ability. We believe the fields now inviting us, especially the towns of Reidsville and Rocky Mount, make it imperative that we raise at least three thousand dollars, same to be known as a Twentieth Century Thank Offering for the extension of our work in North Carolina. Said fund to be under control of the Board of Church Extension.

May the dawn of the new century witness the dawn of a new era for the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina.

4. We recommend the adoption of the individual assessment plan in

every instance, as the best means of raising the pastor's salary; and we further recommend the use of envelopes in collecting money for the general interests of the Church, and that same be furnished by the Board of Church Extension.

5. We recognize the advantage in having the District assessed a definite amount for Foreign Missions and Theological Seminary, as has been the custom during the past year. We therefore recommend that the assessment be so extended as to include the following general interests, and that the President's salary be a basis for apportioning the same:

Foreign Missions	$1,800.00
Home Missions, per assessment laid by Board of Home Missions	
Twentieth Century Thank Offering, for Church Extension	3,000.00
Ministerial Education	100.00
Superannuates	300.00
Colleges	80.00
Theological Seminary	300.00
American Bible Society	50.00

and, that the First Quarterly Conference of the circuits apportion these amounts to the various Churches on the charge.

6. We believe that it should be the duty of each pastor to present every cause for which collections are wanted by the Conference to every congregation on his charge, and that he should prepare a schedule of collections and the time at which they are to be taken, early in the year, and acquaint his people with same; and that he should preach at least one sermon during the year to each of his congregations upon the subject of liberality and the financial obligations of the people to the various interests of the Church.

7. We recommend that Easter and Children's Day services be held wherever practicable, and that the proceeds of such services be turned over to the Home and Foreign Missionary Boards respectively, as heretofore.

We also recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a service to be used for the collection of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

8. We recommend that the pastors be requested to take up collections to defray the expense of delegates to the next General Conference, and that a treasurer be appointed to receive such collections not later than the fiteenth of April, 1900.

We recommend that the President's salary be $1,000.00, apportioned as follows: (See next page.)

R. H. BROOKS,
J. R. HUTTON,
H. S. B. THOMPSON,
W. W. HUNTER,
W. K. HARTSELL.

	President's Claim.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension	Min. Education.	Superannuates.	Colleges.	Theological Seminary.	Am. Bible Society
Alamance	35 00	63 00	105 00	3 50	10 50	2 80	10 50	1 75
Albemarle	12 50	22 50	36 50	1 25	3 75	1 00	3 75	75
Asheboro.	25 00	45 00	75 00	2 50	7 50	2 00	7 50	1 25
Buncombe	25 00	45 00	75 00	2 50	7 50	2 00	7 50	1 25
Burlington	13 00	23 50	39 00	2 00	4 00	1 25	4 00	75
Caldwell	5 00	9 00	15 00	50	1 50	50	1 50	25
Catawba	15 00	27 00	45 00	1 50	4 50	1 25	4 50	75
Chatham	10 00	18 00	30 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	50
Cleveland	30 00	54 00	90 00	3 00	9 00	2 40	9 00	1 50
Davidson.	30 00	54 00	90 00	3 00	9 00	2 40	9 00	1 50
Flat Rock	42 00	76 00	126 00	4 25	12 75	3 40	13 60	2 10
Forsyth	25 00	45 00	75 00	2 50	7 50	2 00	7 50	1 25
Gibsonville.	10 00	18 00	30 00	1 00	8 00	80	3 00	50
Granville	30 00	54 00	90 00	3 00	9 00	2 40	9 00	1 50
Greensboro	20 00	36 00	60 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	6 00	1 00
Greenville	10 00	18 00	30 00	1 00	3 00	80	3 00	50
Guilford	22 00	40 00	66 00	2 20	6 60	1 75	6 60	1 10
Halifax	35 00	63 00	105 00	3 50	10 50	2 80	10 50	1 75
Haw River	35 00	63 00	105 00	3 50	10 50	2 80	10 50	1 75
Henderson	30 00	54 00	90 00	3 00	9 00	2 40	9 00	1 50
High Point.	15 00	27 00	45 00	1 50	4 00	1 25	4 50	75
Ivy	10 00	18 00	30 00	1 00	3 00	80	3 00	50
LaGrange	20 00	36 00	60 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	6 00	1 00
Liberty	30 00	54 00	90 00	3 00	9 00	2 40	9 00	1 50
Lincoln	30 00	54 00	90 00	3 00	9 00	2 40	9 00	1 50
Littleton..	20 00	36 00	60 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	6 00	1 00
Mecklenburg	15 00	27 00	45 00	1 50	4 50	1 25	4 50	75
Mocksville	20 00	36 00	60 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	6 00	1 00
Mt. Hermon	35 0	63 00	105 00	3 50	10 50	2 80	10 50	1 75
Orange.	25 00	45 00	75 00	2 50	7 50	2 00	7 50	1 25
Plymouth	12 50	22 50	36 50	1 25	3 75	1 00	3 75	75
Randleman	20 00	36 00	60 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	6 00	1 00
Randolph	25 00	45 00	75 00	2 50	7 50	2 00	7 50	1 25
Richland	15 00	27 00	45 00	1 50	4 50	1 25	4 50	75
Roanoke	30 00	54 00	90 00	3 00	9 00	2 40	9 00	1 50
Saxapahaw	16 00	28 80	48 00	1 60	4 90	1 30	5 00	80
Spring Church	10 00	18 00	30 00	1 00	3 00	80	3 00	50
Stanly	20 00	36 00	60 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	6 00	1 00
Surry	20 00	36 00	60 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	6 00	1 00
Tabernacle	35 00	63 00	105 00	3 50	10 50	2 80	10 50	1 75
Uwharrie	20 00	36 00	60 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	6 00	1 00
Vance	27 00	48 60	81 00	2 70	9 00	2 40	9 00	1 50
Wadesboro	5 00	9 00	15 00	50	1 50	50	1 50	25
Why Not.	25 00	45 00	75 00	2 50	7 50	2 00	7 50	1 25
Winston Circuit	27 00	48 60	81 00	2 70	9 00	2 20	9 00	1 35
Winston Station	10 00	18 00	30 00	1 00	3 00	80	3 00	50
Yadkin	10 00	18 00	30 00	1 00	3 00	80	3 00	50
East Guilford	10 00	18 00	30 00	1 00	3 00	80	3 00	50
Broad River Mission	3 00	5 40	9 00	50	1 00	50	1 00	25

Report No. 14.

PUBLISHING HOUSE TRUSTEES.

GREENSBORO, N. C , Nov. 21, 1899.

To the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

DEAR BRETHREN:—On behalf of the Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Publishing House, I have the honor to submit the following annual report:

We regret to state that no further payments have been made on the pledges due to the building fund. It would be very gratifying if at least a portion of this balance, amounting to $446.04, could be collected.

During the year we have made some additions in the way of permanent improvements, making the present cost of our building $8,068.58.

The report of the Treasurer shows a net income from Rentals, of		$871.40
This has been applied as follows:		
To *Our Church Record*,	$240.00	
Paid for Repairs,	26.65	
Paid Interest,	124.62	
Paid Incidental Expenses, (Water Rent, Stamps, &c.,)	39.07	430.34
Leaving a balance of		$441.06

This has been applied to the debt, which has been reduced to $2,000.00; and to make the permanent improvements referred to above, leaving a balance of $119.80 now in the Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
J. NORMAN WILLS, *Secretary*.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

Report No. 15.

MINISTERIAL MORAL CHARACTER.

Your Committee would report that Bro. J. G. W. Holloway appeared before us and expressed himself as sincerely sorry for the conduct on account of which the passage of his character was suspended last year and requested that the committee make the same statement for him to the Conference. We therefore recommend that Bro. Holloway's name be restored to the Conference roll of ministerial members.

W. W. AMICK, Chairman,
CLIFTON L. WHITAKER,
J. F. McCULLOCH,
W. A. BUNCH.

Report No. 16.

MISSIONS.

This has been a banner year for missionary interests in North Carolina. The marvelous growth of church extension is accelerated by the large reflex yield in interest and means from the new fields already opened. Home Missions have not attracted quite so much attention, perhaps, but this department of our work demands an interest surpassing our local field to the extent that the unoccupied territory in the United States surpasses the unoccupied field in our own state. To Foreign Missions we have contributed more money this year by $451.86 than in any previous year. God has laid His hand upon one of our young men and upon one of our young women to go into the work in Japan. In addition to the exceedingly liberal gifts in money from many charges—gifts that are costly because of the honest toil they represent—our church has laid upon the Missionary altar the more costly gifts of consecrated and talented life in the persons of Rev. J. W. Frank and Mrs. Josie Case Frank. We believe that the hand of God is in this because it strikes deep into the hearts of some of those who are the truest friends in our state, and have given means and service to the support of the church.

It has always been that God chooses the best from His best friends for His best work. For example, the only son of His friend Abraham to typify the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

We approve the recommendation of the committee on Finance that we devote the Twentieth Century Fund to Church Extension.

We recommend that Easter Sunday be observed as Home Missionary Day, that the envelopes for this collection be distributed at least one month before.

We recommend that the district assessment for Foreign Missions be apportioned among the charges on the basis of the President's salary, that pastors arrange for a quarterly collection for Foreign Missions by the Sunday schools, that an effort be made to secure an average of two cents a quarter from each Sunday school member in North Carolina, that Children's Day service be observed in the month of May if possible, that an envelope be placed with every church member and Sunday school scholar, at least one month beforehand.

We note with pleasure that Annie L. Forrest, a returned Missionary from Japan, is with us in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and is planning a tour of our district. We commend her to all our pastors and congregations and pray that she may succeed in extending throughout the state the work already commenced by the women of Grace church, Greensboro.

We recommend that every possible means be used to inform our people about our work in North Carolina, in the United States, and in Japan; and that the new field opened up in China with all other fields be brought to the intelligence of our people, through Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor libraries, the pulpit and our church press.

C. L. WHITAKER, J. McW. ALEXANDER,
J. H. MOTON, W. N. BROWN,
J. C. BESS, J. H. PEGRAM,
J. S. WILLIAMS.

Report No. 17.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

RECEIPTS.

April 27th, From Geo. B. Harris, - - - - - -	$ 45.00
May 25th, from B. Davidson (former Treasurer), - -	68.00
March 25th and August 14th, from E. G. Lowdermilk, - -	7.11
Forward, - - - - - - - - -	120.11

Brought Forward,	120.11
August 21st, from C. A. Cecil,	10.56
November 24th, R. M. Andrews (refunded loan),	20.00
November 24th, A. L. Hunter,	343.95
November 24th, J. R. Hutton,	121.03
	615.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 12th, Paid W. A. Bunch (money advanced),	$ 5.00	
May 20th, Loaned R. M. Andrews (Asheville pastor),	10.00	
June 25th, " " " " "	10.00	
August 23rd, Paid J. F. McCulloch for envelopes,	5.49	
August 24th, Paid W. A. Alexander (money advanced),	40.00	
Stamps,	.12	
November 25th, C. A. Cecil,	125.00	
November 25, Paid R. M. Andrews,	150.00	
November 25th, N. G. Bethea,	150.00	
November 25th, W. R. Lowdermilk,	50.00	$545.61
Balance on hand,		70.04

R. H. BROOKS, *Treasurer.*

Report No. 18.

ASHEVILLE PASTOR'S SALARY.

Received from T. M. Johnson,	$139.25	
" " all other sources,	23.75	
Credit,	163.00	
Paid R. M. Andrews,		$163.00

R. H. BROOKS, *Treasurer.*

Report No. 19.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

What God would have us say to you is the thing that we desire. 1st. What is the Sunday-School? It is the *Church studying* and *teaching* the *Bible*—supplemental in part to the work of the ministry. What is its aim? To neglect none; it is cosmopolitan. What its end? The *saving* and *service* of *all* the people unto the praise and glory of God. Therefore we conclude that as the chief end of man is the glory of God everybody should know the end for which he is made and this can never be learned without the *Word*, and the *Word* spreads no further than it is scattered by the disciples of our Lord; so that the matter of taking the Christ to every creature rests with the church and the bringing of every creature to the Christ rests with the Sunday-school, and the Sunday-school is an agency of the Church. O Church of God, forget not thy mission, is our first plea. Second, as streams do not rise above their fountain, so we need scarcely look for a church membership above the pastor, who should be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We therefore suggest that the faculty of instruction select a suitable book on the S. S. work to be placed in the course of study for candidates for the ministry and report to the next Annual Conference. We plead for pastors and people to do the very best they can, using the helps we have in the prosecution of this great work. See discipline page 64, paragraph 8, and fail not to read Annual Conference minutes '97 and '98, committee report on S. S. Remember character making is our business, and the quickest and best methods should be used.

T. F. McCULLOCH,
C. E. M. RAPER,
A. M. IDOL,
F. F. YORK,
W. C. WHITAKER.

Report No. 20.

LITERATURE.

1. Dr. Drinkhouse's History of Methodism ought to be in every Methodist Protestant library. We note with pleasure that 1,050 copies of Methodist Protestant Principles by T. H. Lewis have been taken by the members of this Conference. We urge that pastors and Sunday school Superintendents use this little booklet and the Discipline of the church to teach the people the polity and principles of the Methodist Protestant Church.

2. We heartily recommend our two general organs, the *Methodist Protestant* and the *Methodist Recorder*. These periodicals are well edited and should have the support of and be read by our people.

3. (Struck out.)

4. *Our Church Record* is peculiarly our own. We recommend that pastors and people show an appreciation of the sacrifice and faithful labors of J. F. McCulloch, the editor, by an extraordinary effort to increase the circulation, looking to the enlargement of the paper and also at least one full page of substantial editorial matter just so soon as the income will justify these improvements. As an aid in interesting the people, we suggest that pastors arrange with the editor to visit their respective fields *as editor*.

5. That there be as often as practicable special educational issues, giving information concerning our institutions and different departments of work, such as Western Maryland College, Westminster Theological Seminary, Kansas City University, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Extension, and the like.

6. That, if it meet the editor's approval, there be kept at a prominent place in the paper some such expression as, "For one is your Master, even Christ: and all ye are brethren;" "Neither as being lords over God's heritage;" "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

7. (Struck out.)

T. M. JOHNSON, W. M. PIKE,
E. A. POWELL, J. E. HUNTER,
R. A. PICKENS, J. M. HADLEY.

Report No. 21.

REPORT OF FACULTY.

The Committee of Examination would report the following:

1. Rev. J. L. Giles is recommended for the itineracy.
2. C. A. Jones is admitted to the class of the first year.
3. Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform is substituted for Bassett's History of the M. P. Church, the first volume to be studied in the first year of the course, and the second volume in the second.
4. Rev. S. A. Cross is advised to continue his studies.
5. R. L. Clinton is admitted to the class of the first year.
6. S. E. Lucas is recommended to be employed by the President, if needed.
7. J. F. Austin is recommended to the stationing authority of the Conference.
8. It is recommended that J. H. Gilbreath's credentials be restored to him.
9. It is recommended that the President be authorized to ordain W. R. Lowdermilk and H. L. Powell on completion of the course of study.
10. J. H. Bowman is recommended for ordination and reception into the Annual Conference.
11. The following passed examination in the studies named:

J. H. Bowman, in Butler's Analogy, Moral Science, Rhetoric, Logic, and Sermons.

C. A. Jones, in "Pastor Amidst his Flock," Bassett's History.

S. E. Lucas, in "Pastor Amidst his Flock," in Broadus, and Binney.

H. L. Powell, in Moral Science and Sermon of the third year.

J. M. Simpson, in Sermon of the first year.

G. H. Austin, in Watson, first and second parts, in Blackburn's History.

D. A. Brasswell, in Broadus.

W. R. Lowdermilk in Blackburn's History.

Report No. 22.

SUPERANNUATE FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuate Fund Society of the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met at Plyler, N. C., Nov. 24, '99, during the sessions of the Annual Conference. Following were present: J. W. Heath. President; W. W. Amick. Vice President; W. C. Hammer, W. L. Harris, R. H. Brooks, Ed. Wills and J. Norman Wills (by proxy). On motion R. H. Brooks was made secretary pro tem. On motion W. C. Hammer was made 2nd vice president. On motion bond of J. Norman Wills was offered and accepted. On motion Treasurer reported as follows: Note and cash on hand, $307.28. W. L. Harris reported $35.00 collected by Ed. Wills as rents on Halifax farm and turned same over to treasurer. O. P. Routh. collector superannuate fund, turned over $216.99 to Treasurer. Total now in hands of Treasurer, $559.27. On motion Ed. Wills was continued as agent for our Halifax real estate with request to reserve rents for two years to improve property, if in his judgment it seem wise to do so. On motion Board adjourned to meet Nov. 25 at 10 a. m. Board met Nov. 25 at 10 a m according to adjourned, J. W. Heath in the chair. Minutes read and approved. The

Board finding in the hands of Treasurer and collected at this Conference $559.27 recommends the following appropriations, to wit:

Mrs. C. F. Harris	$10.00
Miss Sallie Albright	20.00
Mrs. A. J. Laughlin	10.00
" James Deans	35.00

Mrs. R. R. Michaux $15, and $10 per month for nine months, beginning Jan. 1st, 1900, leaving a balance on hand of $379.27, to be disbursed by the Board as necessity may require. On motion minutes were read and adopted. On motion meeting adjourned.

J. W. HEATH, President,
W. L. HARRIS, Secretary.

Report No. 23.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POST-OFFICE.
Alamance,	T. F. McCulloch,	Oakdale.
Albemarle,	Unsupplied.	
Asheboro and Cedar Falls,	William Porter,	Asheboro.
Buncombe,	J. H. Moton,	Weaverville,
Burlington,	C. H. Whitaker,	Burlington.
Broad River,	N. G. Bethea,	Caroleen.
Caldwell,	H. D. Garmon,	Rutherford College.
Catawba,	S. E. Lucas,	Gastonia.
Chatham,	W. C. Kennett,	Liberty.
Cleveland,	W. F Ashburn,	Fallston.
Davidson,	I. I. York,	High Point.
Flat Rock,	J. R. Hutton,	Greensboro.
Forsyth,	W. C. Lassiter,	Dosier.
Gibsonville,	E. G. Lowdermilk,	Gibsonville.
Granville,	C. L. Whitaker,	Kittrell.
Greensboro,	T. M. Johnson,	Greensboro.
Greenville,	D. A. Fishel,	Vaughan.
Guilford,	J. H. Stowe,	High Point.
Halifax,	P. C. Battle,	Brinkleyville.
Haw River,	C. A. Cecil,	Greensboro.
Henderson,	J. S. Williams,	Henderson.
High Point,	W. R. Lowdermilk,	High Point.
Ivey,	P. D. Moore,	Democrat.
LaGrange,	J. G. W. Holloway,	LaGrange.
Liberty,	G. F. Millaway,	Liberty.
Lincoln,	J. E. Hartsell,	Fallston.
Littleton,	H. L. Powell,	Littleton.
Mecklenburg,	J. F. Dosier,	Matthews.
Mocksville,	G. H. Austin,	Dulins.
Mt. Hermon,	W. E. Swain,	Osceola.
East Guilford,	C. E. M. Raper,	Guilford College.
Orange,	D. A. Highfill,	Liberty.
Plymouth,	D. A. Braswell,	Skinnersville.
Randleman,	J. F. Austin,	Randleman.

CHARGE.	PASTOR.	POST-OFFICE.
Randolph,	H. S. B. Thompson,	Julian.
Richland,	J. H. Bowman,	Longview.
Roanoke,	J. D. Williams,	Whitakers.
Saxapahaw,	W. W. Amick,	Liberty.
Spring Church,	J. H. Totten,	Kernersville.
Stanly,	E. A. Plyler,	Plyler.
Surry,	A. L. Hunter,	Culler
Tabernacle,	W. A. Bunch,	Tabernacle.
Uwharrie,	W. C. Hammer,	High Point.
Vance,	W. M Pike,	Dabney.
Wadesboro,	J L. Giles.	Marshville.
Winston circuit,	N. M Modlin,	Yadkin College.
Winston station,	W. L Harris,	Winston.
Why Not,	W. D. Fogleman,	Why Not.
Yadkin,	J. N. Garrett,	Yadkin College.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

Liberty Circuit.—G. W. Bowman. Asheboro and Cedar Falls—Dr. T. T. Ferree.

SUPERANNUATE.

J. W. Heath.

LOANED BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

T. J. Ogburn, Summerfield, N. C., and J. W. Frank.

PROFESSOR IN WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

S. Simpson, Westminister, Md.

EDITOR OUR CHURCH RECORD.

J. F. McCulloch, Greensboro, N. C.

WITHOUT APPOINTMENTS AT THEIR OWN REQUEST.

C. A. Pickens, O. P. Routh, W. T. Totten.

IN THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT.

G. E. Hunt, J. S. Dunn, R. E. Davis.

SUBJECT TO DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

R. M. Andrews.

Rev. W. F. McDowell was assigned to Catawba circuit, but resigned on account of unfavorable circumstances.

W. F. KENNETT.
J. M. HADLEY.

COURSES AND EXAMINERS.

The Courses of Study and Examiners for Candidates for the Ministry in this Conference are as follows:

	Price of Book.
FIRST YEAR:—	
Binney's Theological Compend, Improved	$ 50
Broadus on Preparation and Delivery of Sermons	1 50
The Pastor Amidst His Flock	85
Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I	
Written Sermon on "Repentance."	
SECOND YEAR:—	
Ralston's Elements of Divinity	3 00
Watson's Institutes, 3rd and 4th parts	2 90
Blackburn's Church History of the Reformation	1 75
Hart's Rhetoric	1 20
Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.	
Written Sermon on Justification by Faith	
THIRD YEAR:—	
Watson's Institutes, 1st and 2nd parts	
Blackburn's Church History, concluded	
Hopkins' Law of Love, etc.	1 50
Jevon's Logic	40
Butler's Analogy	65
Written Sermon on "Apostasy,"	

Rev. W. A. Bunch examines in Watson's Institutes: Rev. J. H. Stowe in Binney's Compend; Rev. C. L. Whitaker in Broadus on Sermons and in Blackburn's Church History; Rev. W. C. Kennett in Bassett's History; Rev. W. F. Kennett in "The Pastor Amidst His Flock" and Ralston's Elements; Rev. J. F. Dosier in Rhetoric and Hopkin's Law of Love; Rev. T. M. Johnson in Jevon's Logic; the Secretary in Butler's Analogy. The written sermons, which must be orignal and contain about 2,000 words, must be in the Secretary's hands four weeks before Conference. Candidates may be examined on one or more years at a time, as they choose. The Secretary will order books on receipt of money for the same.

J. F. McCulloch,
Secretary of Examining Board,
Greensboro, N. C.

MINISTERIAL VOTING MEMBERS.

Amick, W. W.
Andrews, R. M.
Ashburn, W. F.
Battle, P. C.
Bowman, G. W.
Bowman, J. H.
Bunch, W. A.
Cecil, C. A.
Dosier, J. F.
Dunn, J. S.
Ferree, T. T.
Fishel, D. A.
Fogleman, W. D.
Forlines, C. E.
Frank, J. W.
Garrett, J. N.
Hammer, W. C.
Harris, W. L.
Hartsell. J. E.
Heath, J. W.
Highfill, D. A.
Holloway, J. G. W.
Hunt, Geo. E.
Hunter, A. L.
Hutton, J. R.
Johnson, T. M.
Kennett, W. C.
Kennett, W. F.
Lassiter, W. C.
McCulloch, J. F.
McCulloch, T. F.
McDowell, W. F.
Millaway, G. F.
Modlin, N. M.
Moton, J. H.
Moore, P. D.
Ogburn, T. J.
Porter, Wm.
Pickens, C. A.
Pike, W. M.
Plyler, E. A.
Raper, C. E. M.
Simpson, S.
Stowe, J. H.
Swain. W. E.
Totten, J. H.
Totten, W. T.
Thompson, H. S. B.
Williams, J. D.
Williams, J. S.
Whitaker, C. H.
Whitaker, C. L.
York, I. I.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Members	Probationers	Ministers	Preachers	Conversions	Accessions	Deaths	Removals	Withdrawals	Discontinued	Increase	Decrease	Churches	Value	Parsonages	Value	Sunday Schools	Teachers	Pupils	Church Papers	C. E. Societies	Members	Junior Societies	Members
Alamance	563	2	1	...	30	10	4	11	...	3	.....	8	5	$ 4550	...	....	5	25	225	10	...	.....	...	.....
Aibemarle	188	.....	...	...	28	29	2	.....	...	10	17	.....	4	1400	...	....	4	14	91	4	...	.....	...	.....
Asheboro and Cedar Falls	208	.....	2	...	63	44	1	3	1	1	38	.....	2	3500	...	....	2	16	225	24	1	50	1	16
Buncombe	323	3	...	1	300	95	5	4	...	2	84	.....	4	2300	1	$ 800	3	10	130	28	1	40	1	24
Burlington	138	.....	1	1	23	18	3	6	...	3	6	.....	1	3330	1	650	1	9	142	23	1	33	1	19
Caldwell	177	1	...	1	13	2	1	1	...	10	.....	10	5	950	...	....	4	9	150	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Carol-en and Forest City	82	2	1	...	28	26	2	6	...	8	10	.....	3	950	...	....	.....	.....	....	4	...	.....	...	.....
Catawba	248	.....	...	...	14	16	4	.....	2	.....	10	.....	5	1700	...	....	5	20	212	46	...	.....	...	.....
Chatham	234	3	1	1	8	7	3	12	...	.....	.....	8	5	2000	...	....	5	19	231	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Cleveland	733	.....	2	3	65	53	4	1	...	17	31	.....	6	2600	1	600	5	29	342	20	1	35	...	.....
Davidson	505	9	...	3	31	19	5	1	2	.....	11	.....	6¾	2400	...	....	9	26	341	14	...	.....	...	.....
Flat Rock	732	.....	1	1	39	19	1	3	...	2	13	.....	8	7600	...	....	7	20	372	2	...	.....	...	.....
Forsyth	422	.....	1	2	24	18	3	1	...	9	5	.....	7	4575	1	500	5	32	270	28	1	41	1	21
Gibsonville	264	4	...	3	28	45	3	2	...	30	10	.....	3	2350	...	....	2	18	365	23	...	.....	...	.....
Granville	467	3	1	...	90	80	3	4	4	.....	69	.....	5	4000	1	800	5	15	250	31	2	50	2	40
Greensboro	105	5	2	...	......	4	2	5	...	1	.....	4	1	7000	...	....	1	12	125	30	1	7	1	9
Greenville	269	.....	...	1	44	11	1	.....	...	.....	10	.....	5	1500	1	200	5	15	115	8	...	.....	...	.....
Guilford	299	.....	1	...	35	19	3	2	...	1	13	.....	4	1900	1	455	4	20	300	8	2	105	...	.....
Halifax	386	.....	1	...	54	42	4	.....	3	7	28	.....	7	2500	1	300	5	24	125	40	1	20	1	12
Haw River	560	8	1	2	12	14	3	9	2	.....	.....	.....	7	5500	...	....	7	28	300	37	...	.....	...	.....
Henderson	140	.....	1	...	......	2	2	1	...	1	.....	2	1	7500	...	....	1	8	118	65	1	27	1	15
High Point	113	.....	...	2	8	33	2	.....	...	.....	31	.....	1	3500	...	....	1	8	140	19	1	33	1	36
Ivy	334	.....	1	1	100	12	1	.....	1	.....	10	...	6	2000	1	250	2	6	75	4	...	.....	...	.....
LaGrange	245	.....	...	...	5	3	2	1	...	.....	.....	.....	5½	5000	...	....	5	12	186	15	1	50	..	.....
Lexington	257	2	2	3	22	13	.....	4	2	26	.....	19	2	1200	...	....	2	9	165	7	...	.....	...	....
Liberty	489	.....	1	2	48	30	2	2	1	1	24	.....	4	2800	...	....	3	10	260	30	1	40	...	.....
Lincoln	687	.....	1	1	56	52	3	8	9	19	13	.....	5	5000	1	400	4	27	236	10	...	.....	...	.....
Littleton	393	2	1	1	33	35	6	.....	...	.....	29	.....	5	3350	...	....	5	22	180	24	3	80	...	.....
Mecklenburg	245	.....	1	1	23	1	1	.....	3	1	.....	4	4	2000	1	700	2	12	95	15	..	.....	...	.....
Mocksville	349	4	...	1	28	19	2	1	3	28	.....	15	5	2000	1	300	5	22	258	4	1	20	1	10
Mt. Hermon	615	22	1	2	20	22	2	1	...	8	11	.....	4	2000	...	....	4	15	369	26	...	.....	...	.....
New Garden	244	5	...	2	11	13	4	9	...	12	.....	12	6	1500	...	....	4	16	204	15	...	.....	...	.....
Orange	431	.....	2	...	11	13	2	2	...	8	1	.....	8	1800	...	....	2	9	167	25	1	.....	1	.....
Plymouth	153	9	...	2	6	4	1	.....	3	5	.....	3	2	2500	...	....	2	10	87	20	1	14	...	.....
Randleman	367	.....	1	2	30	11	1	2	2	12	.....	6	4	2700	...	....	4	29	340	30	...	.....	...	.....
Randolph	469	4	...	1	57	36	4	7	2	3	20	.....	4	2600	1	400	4	16	200	.....	2	25	1	12
Richland	389	....	3	...	49	28	3	7	...	.....	18	.....	6	1750	...	....	4	17	265	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Roanoke	354	4	2	...	35	31	4	7	1	.....	19	.....	6	5400	...	....	6	12	136	42	2	48	...	.....
Saxapahaw	331	.....	1	...	21	10	3	2	...	.....	5	.....	3	1000	...	....	4	12	175	10	...	.....	...	.....
Spring Church	158	5	...	...	20	17	3	2	...	4	8	.....	3	1500	...	....	3	9	91	12	1	15	...	.....
Stanly	461	.....	2	3	50	33	4	.....	...	2	27	.....	5	4650	1	510	4	19	250	18	1	10	...	.....
Surry	458	.....	..	1	41	34	3	2	2	8	19	.....	7	2750	1	200	6	18	236	10	1	25	...	.....
Tabernacle	423	.....	2	...	5	5	1	1	...	7	.....	4	3	4000	1	700	2	12	185	50	1	30	1	25
Uwharrie	299	.....	1	...	16	17	6	6	...	.....	5	.....	.....	....	...	....	7	26	400	8	...	....	...	.....
Vance	265	.....	...	...	10	17	2	.....	4	8	3	.....	3	3000	1	500	3	10	75	15	1	18	...	.....
Wadesboro	255	.....	3	2	80	32	2	1	...	25	4	.....	8	1500	...	....	4	15	129	6	...	.....	...	.....
Winston	165	.....	...	...	23	19	1	.....	...	3	15	....	1	3500	1	1500	1	8	119	6	...	.....	1	16
Winston Circuit	527	3	2	2	34	27	1	2	6	.....	18	.....	6½	3000	...	....	6	31	548	16	3	50	2	30
Why Not	503	.....	1	...	107	54	5	20	5	30	.....	6	7	3500	1	400	6	25	240	17	...	.....	...	.....
Yadkin	260	3	1	1	22	17	2	1	...	4	10	.....	4	3000	...	....	3	12	175	6	...	.....	...	.

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Alamance Circuit—																	
Rock Creek	100 10	86 70				35	98		20			20					$ 88 43
Bethel	134 65	102 45				12	2 61		12		70	25					106 25
Center	71 20	67 10				1 00	1 80		74	90		87					72 41
Sapling Ridge	57 40	57 40				60	2 16		42			40					60 98
Flint Ridge	36 70	36 70					35	3 00				25					40 30
Total					*19 10			3 00								40 00	62 10
Albemarle—																	
Creswell	85 00	85 00	*12 50	12 50	5 00			1 87					20 00			30 00	153 37
Woodley's Chapel	45 00	25 86															26 86
Mt. Hermon	45 00	13 64															13 64
Mt. Elma	25 00	3 93															3 93
Gum Neck	50 00	18 48															18 48
Asheboro and Cedar Falls—																	
Asheboro	250 00	256 80	15 00	15 00	16 84	5 60	12 07	10 00	50	50	2 67	3 13			50	166 55	490 16
Cedar Falls	150 00	150 00	10 00	10 00	25 00	2 45	4 94	3 00	26 00	67	2 70	3 19			50	53 00	281 45
Asheville—																	
Swannanoa		9 47															9 47
Woolsey Hall		14 88															14 88
Buncombe—																	
Clark's Chapel	135 00	135 00	7 55														
Mt. Zion	150 00	150 00	8 50	*21 36	37 88	4 00	9 00	11 20	1 00	1 00	96	3 00	40 00	100 00	50	40 00	602 57
Flint Hill	20 00	9 50	1 35														
Reem's Creek	30 00	34 00	1 80														
Pleasant Grove	15 00		80														
Burlington	350 00	350 00	7 50	7 60	43 48	11 60	26 91	25 60	3 75	2 50	2 25	5 00	3 00	159 55	1 50	150 00	790 66
Caldwell—																	
Burke's Chapel	25 00	13 05	1 50	1 50	60												15 15
Shady Grove	25 00	10 95	1 00	1 00	55												12 50
Pleasant Grove	30 00	10 45	1 00	1 05	20												11 70
Harris Chapel	15 00	5 80	50	45													6 75
Shiloh	30 00	15 00	1 00	1 60													16 60
Caroleen and Forest City—																	
Caroleen	40 00	26 70	1 30	1 30	2 25	53	1 50				40	25	175 00		20	3 82	211 95
Powell's	10 00	10 00	35	35	55	16	1 00				10	15			10	1 45	13 86
Pleasant Hill	20 00	6 63	65	65	1 15	20	20				20	20			10	1 50	10 83
Bessemer City	25 00	35 04	70	70	1 45	40	3 53				20	40	300 00		10	12 50	354 32
Catawba Circuit—																	
Union Grove	40 00	40 00	2 00	2 45	3 70	1 25	3 35	2 53	18	13	1 41	36			10	4 90	60 36
Fair Field	85 00	85 00	4 75	4 75	4 70	1 30	2 98	2 06	24	13	60	46			12	4 27	107 56
Alexander's Chapel	50 00	52 22	3 00	3 00	82	65	1 28	1 90	08	13	58	16			05	9 57	70 32
Rockwell	70 00	70 00	4 25	4 25	6 20	1 50	2 95	1 89	38	14	1 36	71			15	18 05	102 58
Bethel	17 00	14 55	1 00	1 00	3 20	1 25	2 10		18	13	64	31			10	3 60	27 06
Chatham Circuit—																	
Hickory Grove	33 00	27 10	2 50	2 50	93	61	52		61	57	82	36			10	2 00	36 02
Piney Grove	25 00	25 00	2 50	2 50	2 89	75	2 38		70	15	75	1 21			10	6 00	42 43
Zion	34 00	28 00	2 50	2 50	2 52	12	77		25	05	13	1 33			10	3 75	39 52
Siler City	39 00	39 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	50	85		65	35	25	1 61			10		46 81
Springfield	35 00	31 50	2 50	2 50	1 10	20	1 50		10	10	60	50			10	2 00	40 20
Hope	34 00	34 00	2 50	2 50	1 57	45	2 20		25	30	75	70			10	5 00	47 42
Cleveland Circuit—																	
Friendship	107 00	141 53						5 97									
Kistler's	64 00	64 75						1 64									
Mt. Moriah	76 00	76 00															
Oak Grove	85 00	66 48															
Lawndale	38 00	45 00	*27 00	28 32	35 13	7 50	50 60		9 00	1 00	9 00	7 50	50 00		1 32	34 40	658 14
Mt. Pleasant	30 00	23 00															
Davidson Circuit—																	
Lineberry	40 00	40 00	4 00	4 00	2 15	1 21	1 48	2 13	77	33	47	33	1 50		50	7 10	61 67
Chapel Hill	32 00	22 20	3 20	2 45	45			90	20	20	59	20			40	2 50	30 09
Pleasant Grove	40 00	38 40	4 80	4 80	2 75	90	81	2 65	30	30	40	30	3 00		60	6 37	61 58
Alleghany	34 00	24 73	3 40	3 40	50	10	20		10	07	51	07			15		29 83
Ebal	90 00	83 15	9 00	5 10	5 00	2 39	2 00		25	10	1 00	50			24	16 00	115 73
Canaan	10 00	5 25	35	50											45		6 20
Liberty	15 00	7 30	1 50	1 50	50		18	2 00			25				14	3 60	15 55
Pine Hill	14 50	10 25	1 45	1 45													

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